## MEMORANDUM

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| PROJECT: | Gas Station and Restaurant, 575 King Street East, Gananoque |  |  |
| SUBJECT: | Traffic Study |  |  |

## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this technical memorandum is to review the traffic impact of a proposed gas station and take-out restaurant to be located at 575 King Street East, Gananoque, Ontario. The site location is shown on Figure 1. A site plan is included in Appendix A.


Figure 1: Site Location

## 2. Existing Conditions

The project site is located on King Street East in a light commercial area near Thousand Islands Parkway and Highway 401. Near the project site, King Street East is a 3-lane roadway including a 2-way left turn lane (TWLTL).

King Street East is an arterial roadway located east of Gananoque River. It is the main roadway through the Town of Gananoque and connects the downtown area to Thousand Islands Parkway and Highway 401. Its posted speed limit is $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$.

Between the eastern town limits and Highway 401, it becomes Highway 2. According to MTO's Provincial Highway Traffic Volumes document, Highway 2 has experienced a 1\% growth from 2006 to 2016. East of Highway 401, it becomes Leeds \& Grenville Road 2.

Traffic counts were conducted on King Street East near Carmichael Road by the Town of Gananoque from Friday August 7 to Friday August 14, 2015. The hourly volume for an average weekday (Monday to Thursday) is illustrated in Figure 2.


Figure 2: Average Weekday Hourly Traffic Volume on King Street East, August 2015
The traffic count data indicate that the weekend peak hours were very similar to the average weekday peak hours. Therefore, the average weekday peak hours were used for analysis.

Another traffic count was conducted by BT Engineering on Wednesday April 17, 2019 between 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. at the project site. The traffic volume measured during that period was found to be 1.14 times higher than the traffic volume measured during the same period in August 2015 near Carmichael Road. The peak hour volumes provided by the Town were therefore adjusted to reflect existing (2019) traffic volumes.

The existing traffic volumes near the project site are presented in Table 1.
Table 1: Existing (2019) Traffic Volumes

|  | Morning Peak Hour | Afternoon Peak Hour |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Westbound | 405 | 428 |
| Eastbound | 377 | 609 |

## 3. 2024 Background Traffic

Future background conditions represent the anticipated traffic volumes resulting from general development growth within the region. It is anticipated that the proposed development will be completed in 2019.
Therefore, the year 2024, i.e. 5 years from build-out, has been selected as the planning horizon. An annual growth rate of $1 \%$ has been assumed for analysis.

The 2024 background traffic volumes are presented in Table 2.
Table 2: Background (2024) Traffic Volumes

|  | Morning Peak Hour | Afternoon Peak Hour |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Westbound | 426 | 450 |
| Eastbound | 396 | 640 |

## 4. Trip Generation

The proposed development consists of a gas station with a convenience store and a take-out restaurant. The gas station is equipped with 8 pumps under a canopy. The convenience store and the restaurant are within a single building with a total floor area of $204 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ (2,200 sq. ft.). The building also includes a small $68 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ apartment on the second floor.

The Institute of Transportation Engineering's (ITE) Trip Generation Manual is used as a reference to determine the number of trips that will be generated by the development. The "Super Convenience Market/Gas Station" land use (ITE land use 960) has been selected to determine the trip generation rates. The apartment unit on the second floor is not expected to have a significant impact on traffic and is therefore not included in the trip generation calculation.

Table 3 presents the number of trips anticipated for the overall development.

Table 3: Trip Generation

| Land Use (ITE Code) | Unit | Item | Morning Peak Hour |  |  | Afternoon Peak Hour |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total | In | Out | Total | In | Out |
| Super <br> Convenience <br> Market/Gas <br> Station <br> (960) | 1,000 sq. ft. <br> gross floor <br> area | Quantity | 2.2 |  |  | 2.2 |  |  |
|  |  | ITE Trip Rate | 83.14 |  |  | 69.28 |  |  |
|  |  | Pass-By | 60\% |  |  | 60\% |  |  |
|  |  | Distribution | 100\% | 50\% | 50\% | 100\% | 50\% | 50\% |
|  |  | Net Trips | 74 | 37 | 37 | 60 | 30 | 30 |
|  |  | Pass-By Trips | 110 | 55 | 55 | 92 | 46 | 46 |

The proposed development is located in the eastern part of the Town of Gananoque. Part of the net generated trips is expected to come from the town core while the balance is expected to come from Highway 401 or Thousand Islands Parkway. Therefore, it is assumed that $50 \%$ of the net generated trips will be to/from the east and the other $50 \%$ to/from the west.

As for the pass-by trips, their distribution is anticipated to be consistent with the current traffic distribution (eastbound/westbound), i.e. 48\% eastbound / 52\% westbound during the morning peak hour and 59\% / 41\% during the afternoon peak hour.

The two proposed driveways are modeled as one. This is a worst case scenario as trips will actually be distributed between the proposed full access on the west side and the right-in/right-out access on the east side; traffic performance at either access will be similar to that of one full access.

Figure 3 presents the trip assignments for the proposed development.


Figure 3: Trip Generation, AM (PM) Peak Hour

## 5. 2024 Total Traffic

The total traffic volumes, reflecting the combined growth in background and site generated traffic, projected for the 2024 planning horizon, are presented in Figure 4.


Figure 4: 2024 Total Traffic Volumes, AM (PM) Peak Hour

A traffic capacity analysis of the projected traffic volumes with the proposed development was performed using Synchro 9, a traffic analysis tool using methodologies from the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) to determine the volume-to-capacity ( $\mathrm{V} / \mathrm{C}$ ) ratio, average delay per vehicle and 95 th percentile queue length for each vehicular movement. The "level of service" (LOS) is directly based on the average delay per vehicle, as described in Table 4. Typically, a LOS D is deemed satisfactory. A LOS E or F may require corrective measures depending on the context.

Table 4: Level of Service Definitions for Unsignalized Intersections

| Delay (s) | LOS |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\leq 10$ | A |
| $\leq 15$ | B |
| $\leq 25$ | C |
| $\leq 35$ | D |
| $\leq 50$ | E |
| $>50$ | F |

The results of the traffic capacity analysis are presented in Table 5. For the purpose of the analysis, nearby driveways were not included as they are not expected to significantly impact the capacity analysis. Synchro reports are provided in Appendix $\mathbf{C}$.

Table 5: Intersection Performance, 2024 Total Traffic

| Intersection | Movement ${ }^{1}$ | Morning Peak Hour |  |  |  | Afternoon Peak Hour |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { V/C } \\ & \text { Ratio } \end{aligned}$ | Delay <br> (s) | Level of Service | 95th <br> Queue <br> (m) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { V/C } \\ & \text { Ratio } \end{aligned}$ | Delay <br> (s) | Level of Service | 95th <br> Queue <br> (m) |
| King Street East / proposed access (NB stop) | EBT/R | 0.26 | 0 | A | 0 | 0.42 | 0 | A | 0 |
|  | WBL/T | 0.05 | 1 | A | 1 | 0.04 | 1 | A | 1 |
|  | NBL | 0.11 | 13 | B | 3 | 0.09 | 15 | B | 2 |
|  | NBR | 0.08 | 11 | B | 2 | 0.10 | 14 | B | 2 |

${ }^{1} \mathrm{~EB}=$ eastbound, $\mathrm{WB}=$ westbound, $\mathrm{NB}=$ northbound, $\mathrm{L}=$ left turn, $\mathrm{T}=$ through, $\mathrm{R}=$ right turn

The overall impact of the proposed development is minor and there are no issues anticipated at the proposed driveways within the 2024 planning horizon.

## 6. Conclusion

The project site is located on King Street East in a light commercial area near Thousand Islands Parkway and Highway 401. The posted speed limit is $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ and a 2-way left-turn lane (TWLTL) is provided to facilitate left-turn movements to businesses on each side of the street.

The above analysis determined that no traffic capacity issue is expected to result from the proposed development of a gas station with a take-out restaurant. The proposed driveways are expected to operate satisfactorily and, as a result, no roadway improvements to accommodate traffic are required.


## Appendix A Site Plan



## Appendix B Traffic Count Data

Roadway
King Street East in Gananoque, ON

|  |  | 7 Aug 2015 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start | End | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
| 0:00 | 1:00 |  | 71 | 72 | 35 | 38 | 22 | 24 | 39 |
| 1:00 | 2:00 |  | 52 | 38 | 24 | 35 | 32 | 24 | 35 |
| 2:00 | 3:00 |  | 15 | 35 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 27 | 12 |
| 3:00 | 4:00 |  | 24 | 20 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 22 | 24 |
| 4:00 | 5:00 |  | 27 | 12 | 33 | 62 | 36 | 33 | 42 |
| 5:00 | 6:00 |  | 59 | 47 | 71 | 102 | 92 | 92 | 93 |
| 6:00 | 7:00 |  | 125 | 95 | 221 | 191 | 176 | 207 | 222 |
| 7:00 | 8:00 |  | 250 | 170 | 300 | 271 | 285 | 295 | 315 |
| 8:00 | 9:00 | 350 | 284 | 258 | 351 | 323 | 309 | 341 | 364 |
| 9:00 | 10:00 | 373 | 374 | 364 | 364 | 373 | 336 | 380 | 419 |
| 10:00 | 11:00 | 445 | 428 | 383 | 410 | 373 | 386 | 401 | 442 |
| 11:00 | 12:00 | 450 | 451 | 464 | 395 | 364 | 389 | 407 | 459 |
| 12:00 | 13:00 | 456 | 437 | 430 | 420 | 442 | 478 | 477 |  |
| 13:00 | 14:00 | 484 | 470 | 473 | 498 | 438 | 455 | 453 |  |
| 14:00 | 15:00 | 495 | 504 | 507 | 486 | 432 | 467 | 429 |  |
| 15:00 | 16:00 | 535 | 498 | 492 | 562 | 503 | 557 | 534 |  |
| 16:00 | 17:00 | 527 | 512 | 505 | 531 | 511 | 535 | 563 |  |
| 17:00 | 18:00 | 544 | 495 | 420 | 516 | 479 | 538 | 521 |  |
| 18:00 | 19:00 | 448 | 412 | 374 | 474 | 437 | 406 | 452 |  |
| 19:00 | 20:00 | 349 | 352 | 346 | 352 | 322 | 351 | 370 |  |
| 20:00 | 21:00 | 330 | 291 | 293 | 321 | 295 | 308 | 380 |  |
| 21:00 | 22:00 | 346 | 219 | 239 | 194 | 214 | 208 | 304 |  |
| 22:00 | 23:00 | 224 | 281 | 136 | 135 | 204 | 218 | 233 |  |
| 23:00 | 0:00 | 157 | 98 | 99 | 108 | 95 | 96 | 117 |  |



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King Street East in Gananoque, ON

|  |  | 7 Aug 2015 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
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| Start | End | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fr |
| 0:00 | 1:00 |  | 87 | 70 | 38 | 36 | 35 | 29 | 39 |
| 1:00 | 2:00 |  | 55 | 52 | 26 | 17 | 32 | 25 | 24 |
| 2:00 | 3:00 |  | 35 | 26 | 24 | 26 | 26 | 24 | 20 |
| 3:00 | 4:00 |  | 27 | 19 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 32 | 22 |
| 4:00 | 5:00 |  | 34 | 23 | 34 | 38 | 32 | 39 | 40 |
| 5:00 | 6:00 |  | 51 | 34 | 58 | 76 | 69 | 63 | 73 |
| 6:00 | 7:00 |  | 118 | 94 | 277 | 246 | 253 | 268 | 278 |
| 7:00 | 8:00 |  | 261 | 160 | 357 | 302 | 340 | 355 | 377 |
| 8:00 | 9:00 | 434 | 366 | 265 | 403 | 392 | 396 | 429 | 387 |
| 9:00 | 10:00 | 451 | 479 | 396 | 430 | 399 | 400 | 416 | 441 |
| 10:00 | 11:00 | 459 | 454 | 436 | 449 | 414 | 409 | 402 | 477 |
| 11:00 | 12:00 | 472 | 515 | 479 | 443 | 419 | 465 | 448 | 472 |
| 12:00 | 13:00 | 523 | 500 | 453 | 453 | 461 | 473 | 474 |  |
| 13:00 | 14:00 | 488 | 440 | 474 | 438 | 464 | 466 | 422 |  |
| 14:00 | 15:00 | 507 | 491 | 482 | 464 | 449 | 454 | 464 |  |
| 15:00 | 16:00 | 475 | 423 | 440 | 395 | 417 | 448 | 414 |  |
| 16:00 | 17:00 | 437 | 493 | 422 | 398 | 414 | 427 | 473 |  |
| 17:00 | 18:00 | 481 | 412 | 384 | 397 | 409 | 405 | 452 |  |
| 18:00 | 19:00 | 441 | 379 | 363 | 319 | 376 | 411 | 394 |  |
| 19:00 | 20:00 | 414 | 355 | 335 | 316 | 302 | 334 | 370 |  |
| 20:00 | 21:00 | 332 | 289 | 286 | 243 | 253 | 254 | 306 |  |
| 21:00 | 22:00 | 295 | 235 | 231 | 167 | 199 | 171 | 213 |  |
| 22:00 | 23:00 | 177 | 198 | 158 | 135 | 158 | 174 | 195 |  |
| 23:00 | 0:00 | 141 | 121 | 119 | 84 | 71 | 57 | 85 |  |



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## Appendix C Synchro Analysis




