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Via email: AdamSchlegel@cushingterrell.com
Regarding: Traffic Study Scoping Letter Traffic Impact Study Kelso UPS Project
Parcel Number 243530100
13th Avenue South
Kelso, Washington
PBS Project 71586.000
Dear Mr. Schlegel:
This traffic scoping letter presents the information required to evaluate whether additional traffic study is necessary, such as a traffic impact study (TIS), for the Kelso UPS facility located on a vacant lot on the west side of 13th Avenue South, parcel number 243530100, in the City of Kelso, Washington (City).

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Kelso UPS project proposes to construct a 23,685 -square-foot building for the purpose of providing package pickup and delivery service in the vicinity. This project will replace the existing Kelso UPS services at 2202 Talley Way in Kelso, Washington. The existing UPS facility is approximately 10,400 square feet in size.

Based on direction from the City, PBS has prepared a trip generation estimate and a qualitative evaluation of the impacts of the new facility.

## PROJECT TRIPS

## Trip Generation

Trip generation estimates for the new UPS facility were prepared based on the average trip rates for 13,300 of net new feet from the Institute of Transportation Engineers' (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, 10th Edition. UPS does not fall closely under a specific Trip Generation Manual land use description. Two of the closest include Intermodal Truck Terminal (Land Use Code 030) and General Light Industrial (Land Use Code 110). Based on complete and robust data from the Trip Generation Manual, General Light Industrial is the recommended land use. The supporting calculations are attached. No adjustments were made for pass-by or diverted links. Table 1 presents a summary of the new trip generation calculations for the typical weekday peak hours of the adjacent street.

Table 1. ITE Trip Generation-Kelso UPS

| Land Use (ITE Code) | General Light Industrial (Code 110) |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Independent Variable | 1000 Square feet |  |
| Size | 13.3 |  |
| Average Weekday Trips (ADT) | 79 |  |
| Peak Hour Trips | AM Peak Hour | PM Peak Hour |
| In | 10 | 1 |
| Out | 1 | 9 |
| Total Trips | 11 | 10 |

The existing UPS facility provides retail service for customers dropping off packages for delivery. We assume the trips will remain equivalent for both the existing and new facilities with no net new customer trips.

Finding: The proposed Kelso UPS will generate 11 net new peak hour trips.
Per the Kelso Engineering Design Manual (KEDM), Section 1.04M, Amended June 20, 2017, a project generating more than 10 peak hour trips will require transportation impact study TIS. After reviewing the scope of a potential TIS with City staff, a full TIS did not appear necessary.

Finding: An informal TIS should be prepared to address the transportation impacts.

## TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDY

The following informal TIS evaluation was prepared to meet the requirements of KEDM Section 1.04M.

## Trip Distribution

The existing and proposed UPS facilities are approximately 3,000 feet apart on the same 13 th Avenue $\mathrm{S} /$ Talley Way corridor. Thus, the trip distribution for both facilities is assumed to be equal. A trip distribution pattern was estimated based on access to the highways, major arterials, and population density. The trip distribution is approximately $50 \%$ south on the corridor and $50 \%$ north on the corridor.

## Traffic Operation

With approximately five net new trips entering any intersection, there will be no capacity impacts.

## Site Circulation and Access Spacing

The site design proposes two driveway approaches. UPS intends to provide two drive approaches to help separate the customer and employee traffic from the truck traffic for safety purposes. The trucks will access through the north approach and the customers and employee parking will be from the south approach.

A drive aisle along the east side of the building will serve as a fire lane, as the proposed hydrant and remote fire department connection (FDC) portion of the fire sprinkler system will be in this area. In addition, a proposed overhead door, oil/water separator unit, and mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment are located along this side of the building, which the access drive will also serve for use and maintenance purposes.

The site distance for the proposed two driveways were evaluated graphically and meet safe stopping distance criteria for 13 th Avenue $S$ at the site driveway. The two-way, left-turn lane provides good access to the site for left-turning vehicles. Based on the posted speed of 35 MPH , a right-turn lane will not be needed.

Finding: The final site plan should not install any object adjacent to the driveway approaches that limits stopping sight distance to less than 350 feet.

KEDM Section 3.02(C) cites one driveway is allowed per lot with a minimum driveway spacing of 600 feet on a minor arterial for a full access driveway. The site plan calls for two driveways, 206 feet apart, and spacing of 118 feet from the northern driveway to the driveway serving the lot north of the site. No other driveways are in the vicinity.

Based on the following KEDM standards, a road modification request may be necessary due to the second driveway and substandard driveway spacing, but requests should be approved for the following reasons:

- Low volume turning movements. The peak hour volumes at the two driveways are very low, in the range of 5-10 per hour. The driveway to the lot north of the site is for a personal storage business and will also generate a very low number of trips. Thus, the conflicting volumes are very low.
- 13th Avenue S, with a two-way left-turn lane and good sight distance, will operate safely with an additional driveway and the substandard spacing.
- The additional driveway will improve on-site safety of the UPS operation by separating large trucks and customers in passenger vehicles entering and exiting the site.

Finding: The second site driveway on 13th Avenue $S$ with the proposed substandard driveway spacing should be approved.

Pedestrian access to the site is expected to be light but south driveway will provide direct access to the commercial office in the facility. The sidewalks on 13th Avenue are partially complete, with the sidewalk infilled as the adjacent property is developed. This project should be required to provide sidewalk improvements along the 13th Avenue $S$ frontage.

Finding: The project should install sidewalks along the site frontage to 13th Avenue S.
Please feel free to contact me at 360.695 .3488 or John.Manix@pbsusa.com with any questions or comments.
Sincerely,


John Manix, PE
Senior Traffic Engineer
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Attachments: } & \text { Site Plan } \\ & \text { Trip Generation Calculations }\end{array}$


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CONSTRUCTION NOTES












| PaRkng table |  |  |
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| Parking description | TOTAL NUMBER REQUIRED （UPS－5YR） | Total wumerr provioso |
| Emplore PaRking stals | 62 | 62 |
| STANDARD ADA ACCESSIBLE STALLS | 2 | 2 |
| AdA Van accessile stalls | 1 | 1 |
| 28 traller stagne | 5 | 5 |
| 53 traller stagng | 1 | 1 |
| dourstasimg | 2 | 2 |
| meouno staging | 3 | 3 |
| tractor staging | 2 | 2 |
| package cars | 9 | 9 |

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Trip Generation Summary

Alternative: Alternative 1

| Phase: | Open Date: | $6 / 26 / 2020$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Project: Kelso UPS | Analysis Date: | $6 / 26 / 2020$ |


|  | Weekday Average Daily Trips |  |  |  | Weekday AM Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic |  |  |  | Weekday PM Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ITE Land Use | * | Enter | Exit | Total | * | Enter | Exit | Total | * | Enter | Exit | Total |
| 110 GINDUSTRIAL 1 |  | 40 | 39 | 79 |  | 10 | 1 | 11 |  | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| 161000 Sq. Ft. GFA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unadjusted Volume |  | 40 | 39 | 79 |  | 10 | 1 | 11 |  | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Internal Capture Trips |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pass-By Trips |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Volume Added to Adjacent Streets |  | 40 | 39 | 79 |  | 10 | 1 | 11 |  | 1 | 9 | 10 |

Total Weekday Average Daily Trips Internal Capture $=0$ Percent
Total Weekday AM Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic Internal Capture $=0$ Percent
Total Weekday PM Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic Internal Capture $=0$ Percent

