

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

Marc Elrich County Executive

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October 22, 2020

Ms. Dana Clark, PE Clark/Azar & Associates 20410 Century Blvd. Suite 230 Germantown, MD 20874

> Re: SITE DEVELOPMENT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN for French International School 9650 Rockville Pike Special Exception S-862-C SM File #: 283635 Redevelopment Tract Size/Zone: 11.2 ac/R-60 Total Concept Area: 5.63ac Watershed/Class: Lower Rock Creek/Class III

Dear Ms. Clark:

Based on a review by the Department of Permitting Services Review Staff, the Site Development Stormwater Management Plan for the above-mentioned site is **acceptable**. The plan proposes to meet required stormwater management goals via Micro-Bioretention and Infiltration/Permeable Paving under a proposed turf field.

The following items will need to be addressed during the final stormwater management design plan stage:

- 1. A detailed review of the stormwater management computations will occur at the time of detailed plan review.
- 2. An engineered sediment control plan must be submitted for this development.
- 3. All filtration media for manufactured best management practices, whether for new development or redevelopment, must consist of MDE approved material.
- 4. Landscaping in areas located within the stormwater management easement which are shown on the approved Landscape Plan as part of the approved Site Plan are for illustrative purpose only and may be changed at the time of detailed plan review of the Sediment Control/Storm Water Management plans by the Mont. Co. Department of Permitting Services, Water Resources Section.



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5. Facilities with embankments that meet definitions established in MD 378 may require a Dam Breach Analysis for class determination and will be required to be designed according to all applicable requirements in MD-378.

This list may not be all-inclusive and may change based on available information at the time.

Payment of a stormwater management contribution in accordance with Section 2 of the Stormwater Management Regulation 4-90 **is not required**.

This letter must appear on the sediment control/stormwater management plan at its initial submittal. The concept approval is based on all stormwater management structures being located outside of the Public Utility Easement, the Public Improvement Easement, and the Public Right of Way unless specifically approved on the concept plan. Any divergence from the information provided to this office; or additional information received during the development process; or a change in an applicable Executive Regulation may constitute grounds to rescind or amend any approval actions taken, and to reevaluate the site for additional or amended stormwater management requirements. If there are subsequent additions or modifications to the development, a separate concept request shall be required.

If you have any questions regarding these actions, please feel free to contact Mary Fertig at 240-777-6340 or at mary.fertig@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark Cheridge

Mark C. Etheridge, Manager Water Resources Section Division of Land Development Services

MCE: MMF

cc: N. Braunstein SM File # 283635

ESD: Required/Provided 21,780cf / 25,954cf PE: Target/Achieved: 1.8"/1.8" STRUCTURAL: N/A WAIVED: N/a



Department of Permitting Services Fire Department Access and Water Supply Comments

DATE:	10-Nov-20		
TO:	Sean Lindaman - slindaman@clarkazar.com Clark Azar & Ass		
FROM:	Marie LaBaw		
RE:	Rochambeau - French International School 9650 Rockville Pike		

PLAN APPROVED

- 1. Review based only upon information contained on the plan submitted 08-Oct-20 .Review and approval does not cover unsatisfactory installation resulting from errors, omissions, or failure to clearly indicate conditions on this plan.
- 2. Correction of unsatisfactory installation will be required upon inspection and service of notice of violation to a party responsible for the property.

*** Renovating existing building with an existing FDC to remain ***



Letter of Transmittal

Date:	October 7, 2020	
То:	S Marie LaBaw, PhD, PE Department of Permitting Services 255 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20850	
Job No.	235.004	
Subject:	Rochambeau, the French International School - Fire Lane Order	

We are sending you the following:

- □ Next Day Service
- □ Second Day Service
- Certified Mail
- □ U.S. Mail⊠ Hand Delivery
- □ Other:
 - Other:

No.	Copies	Date	Description
	2	10/7/2020	Fire Access Plan
	5		Fire Lane Order
	5		School Signage Plan

These are transmitted:

□ For your use ⊠

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 \Box As requested \Box Other:

Remarks: Please see the attached fire access plan and fire lane order for the proposed remodeling of 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814 for the French International School.

P Signed ∠



October 8, 2020

S Marie LaBaw, PhD, PE Department of Permitting Services 255 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Ms. LaBaw:

FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT		
Fire Department Access Review		
Review based only upon information contained on this plan. Does not cover unsatisfactory layout resulting from ommisions, errors or failure to clearly indicate conditions on this plan. Correction of such unsatisfactory layout to afford required access will be required if found upon inspection after installation		
by: <u>SML*</u> FM: <u>43</u> date: <u>11/10/20</u> 20		

The Rochambeau French International School is in the process of securing permits to upgrade an existing commercial building into a new school. During the process of preparing the site plan, the performance of the existing office building, an additional existing building (the Beaumont House) and the existing parking garage were evaluated and found to be non-compliant. No building improvements are being proposed for the parking structure or the Beaumont House. The accompanying drawings demonstrates the proposed improvements allow all the structures on site to comply with Executive Regulation 08-16.

On behalf of the Rochambeau French International School, we formally request your concurrence of the provided fire access coverage as shown. Thank you and as always:

Respectfully,

Sean Lindaman, P.E. Project Manager



10/8/2020

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION: I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE PREPARED OR APPROVED BY ME, AND THAT I AM A DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

LICENSE NO.: 38909 EXPIRATION DATE: 12/29/2020

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Date: 10/5/2020

Fire Lane Establishment Order

Pursuant to Section 22-33, Montgomery County Code, 1971, as amended, you are hereby notified that a Fire Lane has been established as described in this order. You are hereby ordered to post fire lane signs and paint curbs/pavement as identified below. When signs or paint work has been completed, this order will authorize the enforcement of this Fire Lane by appropriate police or fire officials. Compliance with this order must be achieved within 30 days of receipt when any of the following conditions are met:

- One or more structures addressed from the subject road are occupied;
- The road or accessway is available for use and at least one building permit for an address on the subject road has been issued; or
- The road or accessway is necessary fire department access.

LOCATION: Rochambeau, The French International School

9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

Delineate all areas where indicated by signs and/or paint,

SIGNS -- (See attached diagram for location of sign placement)

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Signs must be posted so that it is not possible to park a vehicle without being in sight of a sign. Signs may be no further apart than 100 feet.

PAINT -- (See attached diagram when painting is required)

Paint must be traffic yellow with lines of Sufficient width to be readily identifiable/ readable by motor vehicle operators.

Cc: Fire Code Enforcement Section Attachment: Fire Lane Diagram Signature of Order Writer/I.D. #

FIRE LANE ESTABLISHMENT FORM

BUILDING OR SUBDIVISION NAME: Rochambeau, The French International School

FIRE LANE LOCATION/ADDRESS: 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

See attached drawing for designated fire lanes:

I have received the drawing and instructions for installing the designated fire lanes on property not owned by state or local government.

NAME AND TITLE OF PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE

NAME: Helene Fabre	TITLE: Executive Director			
SIGNATURE:				
PHONE: 240-479-2204	_DATE:			
ADDRESS (where processed order will be mailed): Rochambeau, The French International School 9600 Forest Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814				
The designated fire lanes are the minimum necessary for fire/rescue access and are in accordance with Section 22-33 of the Fire Safety Code.				
NAME:	SIGNATURE:			
STA.#: I.D.#:	DATE:			
Comments:				
Fire Lane Installed Per Order				
NAME:				

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marc Elrich County Executive Christopher R. Conklin Director

December 16, 2020

Mr. Matthew Folden, Planner Coordinator Downcounty Planning Division The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) 2425 Reedie Drive Wheaton, Maryland 20902

RE: Rochambeau-French International School Revised Traffic Impact Study (TIS) Review <u>REVISED LETTER</u>

Dear Mr. Folden:

This letter supersedes the previous letters, including the November 12, 2020 letter from MCDOT. We have completed our review of the revised Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) report dated February 20, 2020, the applicant's response and the additional analysis submitted via email dated December 9, 2020, prepared by Gorove/Slade Associates, Inc, we have the following comments:

- 1. The 1990 Bethesda Chevy Chase Master Plan states the following:
 - Commuter traffic and parking on secondary streets should be discouraged.
 - The Plan endorses the continuation of access restrictions on Linden Avenue to avoid increasing cut-through traffic that would require a widening of Beech Drive and completion of Alta Vista Road.

The Maplewood neighborhood located in the Bethesda Chevy Chase Master Plan area is bounded by Rockville Pike, West Cedar Lane, Old Georgetown Road and Alta Vista Road. The 1970 <u>Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan</u> recommended a physical barrier be installed to close off Linden Avenue from Pooks Hill Road. This barrier was recommended because the Maplewood neighborhood was concerned about cut-through traffic, congestion, and traffic safety on Beech Avenue and Linden Avenue. A public hearing was held in July 1973, with the record held open until September 1973, determined that access restrictions along Linden Lane between Pooks Hill and Beech Ave be installed to simulate a peak period barrier (Restriction No.-Executive Regulation ER17-94AM). This restriction was installed and has been in place since April 1974. By keeping Linden Avenue open, Maplewood residents would have access to the neighborhood and other major routes other than Rockville Pike during non-peak periods.

Office of the Director

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> MCDOT is concerned that in accordance Executive Regulation,17-94AM Section VI. REASSESSMENT, the Maplewood Community can pursue the modification of the previously mentioned restriction. Nearby communities have made similar changes in the recent past to existing access restrictions utilizing Section VI. These modifications were requested by a similar organized community and upon documentation that the request reflected the wishes of the community, the approval and posting of the modified restriction were posted within six months. In this case, any school traffic would be prohibited from utilizing neighborhood streets during peak periods. Such a modification would require that all school traffic utilize MD-355 during peak periods. Considering this, careful consideration should be given to the wishes and concerns of the Maplewood Community residents. In our previous reviews (letters dated 6/21/2019, 4/9/2020, and an email dated 8/19/2020) we stated concern for new cut through traffic in the neighborhood and recommended that the applicant work with the community before the approval of the project. Residents of Maplewood have already expressed strong opposition to the proposed project. Therefore, we recommend the applicant reach out to the community per our previous comments to get their consensus and reassessment of the restrictions.

- 2. MCDOT defers to Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT/SHA) regarding findings and design of mitigation on MD-355 which is under their jurisdiction. We defer to MDOT/SHA for improvements along MD-355.
- 3. We concur with the consultant's conclusion regarding the vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit system adequacy per the LATR guidelines.
- 4. Prior to the certified preliminary plan, the Transportation Management Plan (TMP) must be finalized and approved by M-NCPPC, MDOT/SHA and MCDOT.
- 5. Based on the review of the attached exhibit for the proposed improvements at Pooks Hill Road submitted by the applicant following comments should be addressed at the preliminary plan stage:
 - a) Can the design vehicle (SU-30) maintain the lanes which are proposed to be 10-foot lanes particularly along the horizontal curves? If wider lanes are needed, then the applicant will have to modify the existing geometry of Pooks Hill Road by adjusting the median or may have to acquire land from the adjoining properties to incorporate the proposed improvements. All improvements and associated cost including any property acquisition if needed will be at the applicant's expense.
 - b) Installation of any additional signage or other restrictions if required or as necessary will be the responsibility of the applicant.
 - c) Final details of the Pooks Hill Road improvements as shown in the attached exhibit submitted by the applicant will be determined prior to preliminary plan approval.

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Plan Comments:

- As per our previous comments, we strongly recommend the deceleration/acceleration lane lengths and associated tapers proposed along the site frontage along MD-355 should be per AASHTO guidance as it fits within the existing right-of-way. We defer to MDOT/SHA for final decision regarding the acceleration/deceleration and taper lengths.
- 2. The existing bus stop on MD-355 will be impacted due to the proposed deceleration lane. The applicant shall be responsible for the construction of a 22-feet wide x 7-feet deep concrete pad with 6-inch reinforced wire mesh behind the 5-foot-wide sidewalk and should be shown on the preliminary plan. At or before the permit stage, please coordinate with Mr. Wayne Miller of our Division of Transit Services to coordinate the location and improvements to the RideOn bus facility in the vicinity of this project. Mr. Miller may be contacted at 240 777-5836 or at <u>Wayne.Miller2@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this report. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Deepak Somarajan, our Development Review Engineer III for this project, at deepak.somarajan@montgomerycountymd.gov or (240) 777-2194.

Sincerely,

Deepak Somarajan

Deepak Somarajan, Engineer III Development Review Team Office of Transportation Policy

sharepoint/transportation/directors office/development review/Deepak/TIS/Rochambeau/ RochambeauTIS REVISED Letter-12-2020

Attachment: Proposed Mitigation at Pooks Hill Road Exhibit

cc: Sharepoint Correspondence Folder FY-21

cc-e: Katie Wagner Helene Legal-Fabre Jody Kline Katie Mencarini Michael L. Paylor Gorove/Slade Associates, Inc. Chief Operating Officer, Rochambeau Miller, Miller & Canby MNCPPC MCDOT DTEO Mr. Matthew Folden Rochambeau-French International School Traffic Impact Study Review December 16, 2020 Page 4

Mark Terry	MCDOT DTEO
Vincent Ho	MCDOT DTEO
Kamal Hamud	MCDOT DTEO
Piotr Rachtan	MCDOT DTEO
Kwesi Woodroffe	MDSHA-District 3
Rebecca Torma	MCDOT OTP

ATTACHMENTS



Transportation Planners and Engineers

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Bethesda, MD



Larry Hogan Governor Boyd K. Rutherford LL. Governor Gregory Slater Secretary Tim Smith, P.E. Administrator

November 06, 2020

Ms. Katie Wagner Gorove/Slade 1140 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Wagner:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the **Traffic Impact Study (TIS)** dated **February 20**, **2020** prepared by **Gorove/Slade**, for the proposed **Rochambeau - French International School** development – **18APMO022XX** located on **MD 355 – Rockville Pike** (Mile Point: **3.75**) in **Montgomery County**, Maryland. The State Highway Administration (SHA) review is complete and we are pleased to respond.

- The proposal is to redevelop the existing office complex into a multi-use development including school space to accommodate the relocation of the Rollingwood and Bradley campuses of the French International School with 700 students and 195 staff.
- The existing site houses 170,000 SF of office space and a parking garage for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB).
- The planned site is located on MD 355 (Rockville Pike) between Dudley Lane and Alta Vista Road, in Bethesda.
- The access from MD 355 to the site is proposed via either the two existing driveways located south of the intersection with Pooks Hill Road or one single combined driveway.
- We also note a meeting between the Developer, Montgomery Planning, Montgomery County and MDOT SHA on June 19th, 2020 to discuss the proposed access points.
- · The following key intersections were analyzed:
 - Rockville Pike (MD-355) and Pooks Hill Road
 - Rockville Pike (MD-355) and Northern Site Driveway
 - o Rockville Pike (MD-355) and Southern Site Driveway
 - o Rockville Pike (MD-355) and Alta Vista Road/Bellevue Drive
 - o Rockville Pike (MD-355) and W Cedar/Cedar Lane
 - o Old Georgetown Road (MD-187) and Beech Avenue

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o Old Georgetown Road (MD-187) and Alta Vista Road

Based on the information provided, please address the following comments in a point-by-point response:

Regional and Intermodal Planning Division (RIPD) Comments (Ms. Kandese Holford):

 RIPD is coordinating directly with the consultant on the draft Interstate Access Point Approval (IAPA) coordination letter. RIPD has no additional comments at this time.

Travel Forecasting and Analysis Division (TFAD) Comments (Mr. Scott Holcomb):

- For the response to TFAD Comment #5, the graphic of the Synchro network setup for the site entrance shows the merge of the outer southbound travel lane on MD 355 occurring just prior to the deceleration lane for the site access. Our understanding of Access Concept #3 (which we believe is what is being moved forward) was that the merge of the outer lane continues parallel to the deceleration lane. It appears that the concept modeled instead more closely resembles Concept #1 with the earlier lane merge. Please confirm the concept being pursued.
- TFAD's other comments on the Synchro/SimTraffic modeling have been adequately addressed.
- TFAD defers to MCDOT and MNCPPC regarding their previous comments on the appropriateness of site trips using neighborhood streets to access the regional network. The impacts of any changes to the assignment of site trips will need to be reevaluated with the Synchro and SimTraffic models.

District 3 Traffic Comments (Mr. Alvin Powell):

- Within the Synchro models, at the intersection of MD 355 and Pooks Hill Road, it is noted that the multi-lane section of the eastbound approach of the intersection is significantly lengthened beyond what currently exists. This widened section of roadway significantly underestimates the approach queueing and overestimates the available capacity. The developer should clarify any proposed improvements along the Pooks Hill Road approach to MD 355.
- 2. As was previously identified and discussed, it is noted in the Synchro models that at the southbound MD 355 approach to Pooks Hill Road, vehicles avoid use of the through lane adjacent to the right turn lane due to the proposed immediate drop of the curbside lane past the intersection. We anticipate a similar situation will occur if the lane drop is implemented as proposed. The effect of this change would be a significant reduction in the carrying capacity of this signalized intersection. The following actions are requested:

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- A minimum taper of 245 feet should be provided to merge the curbside lane with the inner lane along MD 355.
- b. A minimum tangent should be provided to separate the proposed merge lane from the proposed deceleration lane.
- c. The proposed deceleration should be designed as best as possible to fit within the requirements of the MDOT SHA Access Management Manual.
- The developer should develop means to preclude vehicles exiting the site from accessing the southbound left turn lane at the intersection of MD 355 and Alta Vista Road/Bellevue Drive. Physical measure(s) that prevent this movement are required.
- The developer should install a hazard identification beacon (HIB) in advance of the school in the southbound direction along MD 355 in keeping with previous discussions.
- Transportation Management Plan: The proposed Transportation Management Plan is subject to review and acceptance by MDOT SHA prior to permitting of the proposed development. The remaining safety and capacity issues are to be adequately addressed prior to approval.
- Post construction evaluation and mitigation: MDOT SHA will require a post construction evaluation and appropriate mitigation measures to address any capacity or safety impacts attributable to this development.

District 3 Access Management Comments (Mr. James Macfarlane):

- Please note that while this letter is an "Approval with Comments" letter, we will be looking for responses to the remaining comments above when this project proceeds to plan review.
- 2. Prior to permit release and recordation of any plat(s), The French International School must enter into a binding agreement with the Planning Board to perform in perpetuity a Transportation Management Plan (TMP). This Plan must demonstrate compliance with the G-873 Binding Elements and must include annual reporting in the fall of each year to summarize current and projected enrollment for the year, transportation benefits offered to staff and students, on-site queuing trends, and any transportation issues observed on-site in the previous 12 months. Should the Planning Board find, after a public hearing that the Applicant is not in compliance with the TMP, the Planning Board may modify the conditions of Site Plan approval, including the permitted enrollment.
 - This will also be noted in the permit document as a special condition (once plans are approved).

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The SHA concurs with the report findings for this project as currently proposed and will not require the submission of any additional traffic analyses. However, an access permit will be required for all construction within the SHA right of way. Please submit electronically (via our online system https://mdotsha.force.com/accesspermit) the proposed improvement plans (including a set of hydraulic plans and computations) and all supporting documentation to the Access Management Division. Please reference the SHA tracking number on any future submissions.

Please keep in mind that you can view the reviewer and project status via SHA Access Management Division web page at <u>https://www.roads.maryland.gov/mdotsha/pages/amd.aspx.</u> Please note, if this project has not obtained an SHA access permit and begun construction of the required improvements within five (5) years of this approval, extension of the permit shall be subject to the submission of an updated traffic impact analysis in order for SHA to determine whether the proposed improvements remain valid or if additional improvements will be required of the development. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Mr. Kwesi Woodroffe at 301-513-7347, by using our toll free number (in Maryland only) at 1-800-749-0737 (x7347), or via email at <u>kwoodroffe@mdot.maryland.gov</u> or <u>shaamdpermits@mdot.maryland.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

for Erica Rigby, Acting District Engineer, District 3, SHA

ER/jwm

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- cc: Mr. Erwin Andres, Gorove/Slade
 - Mr. Matt Baker, SHA RIPD
 - Mr. Darren Bean, SHA RIPD
 - Ms. Dana Clark, Clark Azar & Associates
 - Ms. Rola Daher, SHA TFAD
 - Mr. Matthew Folden, Montgomery Planning
 - Mr. Derek Gunn, SHA District 3 Traffic
 - Ms. Hélène Legal-Fabre, ROCHAMBEAU The French International School
 - Mr. Scott Holcomb, SHA TFAD
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 - Ms. Rebecca Torma, Montgomery County Department of Transportation
 - Mr. Kwesi Woodroffe, SHA District 3 Regional Engineer