



Public Works Department  
Transportation Division

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Subject: Saint Mary's College High School – Conditions of Approval

Dar Ms. Hersch:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Use Permit Application for the Saint Mary's College High School (St. Mary's). We have been in communication with Mark Headley, Director of Building and Grounds, about traffic calming measures and his desire to work with neighbors to evaluate traffic and parking conditions. Though we have not discussed with him all the details of implementation, I trust our comments reflect our mutual understanding up to this point. Our request for project conditions of approval would be as follows.

To ensure that City staff and residents living on streets affected by St. Mary's traffic have current information, we recommend that an update to previous traffic calming studies be undertaken. The focus would be on Albina Avenue and Hopkins Court and should include data collection for speeds, traffic volumes, parking occupancies, and updates on observations of the intersection of Albina Avenue and Hopkins Court. When completed, a comparison and summary should be made with the previous studies (conducted by Korve in 2003 and 2005) and new, if any, recommendations provided. This would provide an excellent longitudinal study that would be the basis for improvements, if any, and any further outreach to the local neighborhood should that become necessary. The City of Berkeley and the applicant would mutually agree upon the study scope.

City of Berkeley staff would then determine the next steps, if any, regarding appropriate traffic calming measures. Upon conclusion of this determination, implementation of any agreed-upon measures would need funding. We request Conditions of Approval applied to the Project require the applicant to provide up to \$20,000 (placed in a mutually acceptable escrow account) for implementation of said measures. If no agreement between Berkeley and the Albina Avenue/Hopkins Court neighbors is reached as to which measures, if any, would be implemented, the money would be returned to the applicant within one year of placement of said funds in the escrow account or receipt of the applicant of Certificate of Occupancy, whichever is later.

We will keep you informed of the status of this Condition of Approval, if so approved, so that you may keep Albany staff and elected officials apprised of progress in meeting these requirements. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me at 981-6403 or [hmostowfi@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:hmostowfi@cityofberkeley.info). Also, you may contact Michael Vecchio at 981-6445 or [mvecchio@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:mvecchio@cityofberkeley.info). Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely yours,

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