

**Memo**

To: Board of Appeals
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Reference: Comprehensive Permit Application (40B) 15-17 Rice Road Residential Development – Traffic Impact Study Update – Response to Comments Review

Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (“Stantec”) previously reviewed the “*Traffic Impact Study Update – Multifamily Residential Development – Located at 15-17 Rice Road Millbury, Massachusetts*”, dated September 2022 prepared for Whitney Street Home Builders and prepared by Ali R. Khorasani Associates (AK Associates). Stantec’s review is encapsulated within the memorandum titled *Comprehensive Permit Application (40B) 15-17 Rice Road Residential Development – Traffic Impact Study Update*, dated December 4, 2023.

AK Associates provided a response titled “*Responses to Stantec’s Comments Relative to Traffic Study for Rice Road Residential Development Project*,” dated December 11, 2023. AK Associates’ initial response to Stantec’s comment regarding the conformance of the traffic impact study to Millbury’s “*Rules and Regulations Governing Comprehensive Permit Applications Under General Laws Chapter 40B*” adopted January 2023 was the study went through initial submittal and review period in 2021 and updated in September 2022 for a previous rendition of the development. As this project application as a 40B development was received by Millbury in November 2023, it is Stantec’s expectation that the 40B development and its traffic impact study follow the Town’s active bylaws at the time of the application. For this reason, in addition to the age of the initial traffic counts (nearly three years old), and the collection occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic, Stantec stands by the request that the Applicant provide current traffic data of the traffic impact study area.

In addition to the updated traffic data collection and subsequent updates to the impact analysis for the study, Stantec stands by the request within our initial review that includes:

- The updated traffic impact study include identification, or lack thereof, of additional planned developments within the traffic study area,
- Review of the Saturday peak hour period, per Millbury’s “*Rules and Regulations Governing Comprehensive Permit Applications Under General Laws Chapter 40B*”, Section 3.11.3, and
- The request that the intersection geometry for Rice Road at South Main Street is updated within the analysis to reflect the current conditions of the intersection.