



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BULLETIN

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Subject: Traffic impact studies during the Federal government shut down

Resource: Transportation Planning Section, Countywide Planning Division

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The extended shutdown of the Federal government introduced a new level of uncertainty into traffic analysis, and it is essential to provide guidance regarding traffic counts taken while the Federal government was shut down.

The Transportation Review Guidelines indicate that “traffic data must reflect existing normal peak-hour conditions at the time of the study.” As such, the Planning Department will not accept traffic impact studies for any development application, which use counts taken on weekdays during the 2018/2019 Federal government shut down (any weekday between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019). Traffic studies which only use traffic counts taken on weekend-days (Saturday and Sunday) will still be accepted.

We regret that this may have slowed down or inhibited quality development in Prince George’s County, but we believe that the value of a traffic study is undermined if the underlying numbers are flawed in some way.

Should you have any questions regarding traffic studies and the Federal government shutdown, please do not hesitate to contact the Transportation Planning Section, 301-952-3680.