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### Memorandum

To: Ms. Angela Gargin Living Water Construction

From: J. Suzanne Danielsen, P.E.

Date: September 24, 2018

# Re: Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen - Margate, FL Trip Generation and Queuing Analysis

As requested, Danielsen Consulting Engineers, Inc. (DC Engineers, Inc.) has prepared a trip generation and queuing analysis specific to the proposed Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen to be constructed along the east side of SR 7 (US 441) immediately north of SW 8 Court within municipal limits of the City of Margate, Florida. This study addresses trip generation and drive-through lane queuing characteristics for the proposed restaurant.

### **TRIP GENERATION ANALYSIS**

A current site plan, included as Attachment A, shows a 2,557.31 square foot fast food restaurant with two (2) drive-through lanes. Upon buildout of the proposed restaurant, access will be provided through three (3) driveways as follows: one (1), two (2)-way driveway along SW 8 Court, one (1) entrance only driveway along the west property line and one (1), two (2)-way cross access driveway along the north property line.

#### **Trip Generation**

A trip generation analysis has been completed for the proposed restaurant. The analysis was performed using rates and formulae published in the Institute of Transportation Engineer's (ITE) report *Trip Generation* (10th Edition). The trip generation analysis was undertaken for daily and PM peak hour conditions. An AM analysis has not been considered as the restaurant, opening at 10:30 AM, will not impact the AM peak hour of the adjacent roadway network. According to the referenced ITE report, the most appropriate land use category and corresponding rates for the proposed development are as follows:

# Fast-Food Restaurant with Drive-Through Window - ITE Land Use #934

Daily Trips: T = 470.95(X) (50% inbound and 50% outbound) where T = number of trips and X = 1,000 square feet gross floor area

PM Peak Hour Trips T = 32.67(X) (52% inbound and 48% outbound)

The results of this effort are documented in Table 1 included as Attachment B. As shown in Table 1, the proposed restaurant is expected to produce 1,204 vehicle trips per day with 84 vehicle trips occurring during the PM peak hour (44 entering and 40 exiting).

# **Queuing Analysis**

As shown in the site plan included as Attachment A, the proposed Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen includes a drive-through lane that widens to two (2) parallel lanes at the menu board and then merges back to one (1) lane prior to the pick-up window. This double menu board arrangement is intended to increase efficiency of the drive-through operation and to maximize the stacking capacity.

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The length of queue anticipated within the drive-through lane(s) was determined using methodologies contained in ITE's *Transportation and Land Development*, Chapter 8 - Drive-In Facilities. For this analysis, the following input variables were used:

- Service Rate: The average window transaction time is estimated to be 60 seconds consistent with information provided in *Transportation and Land Development*.
- Demand Rate: Based on ITE's *Trip Generation* (10th Edition), the maximum inbound vehicular traffic flow anticipated at a 2,557.31 square foot fast food restaurant is 44 vehicles (refer to trip generation section above). Although ITE estimates that 45 percent of inbound vehicular traffic uses drive-through lanes, to provide a conservative analysis this queue analysis assumes 100 percent of inbound vehicles will use the drive-through lanes.

Using equation 8-9b and Table 8-11 of ITE's *Transportation and Land Development*, the maximum length of queue anticipated within the drive-through lane(s) is two (2) vehicles. Calculations are included as Attachment C. As the site plan provides in excess of 44 feet of stacking space (22 feet per vehicle queued), vehicular queuing outside of the stacking area proposed is not expected.

#### **Conclusion**

In summary, the Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen as proposed is expected to have adequate storage to accommodate peak inbound vehicular demands anticipated within the drive-through lane(s).

Of course, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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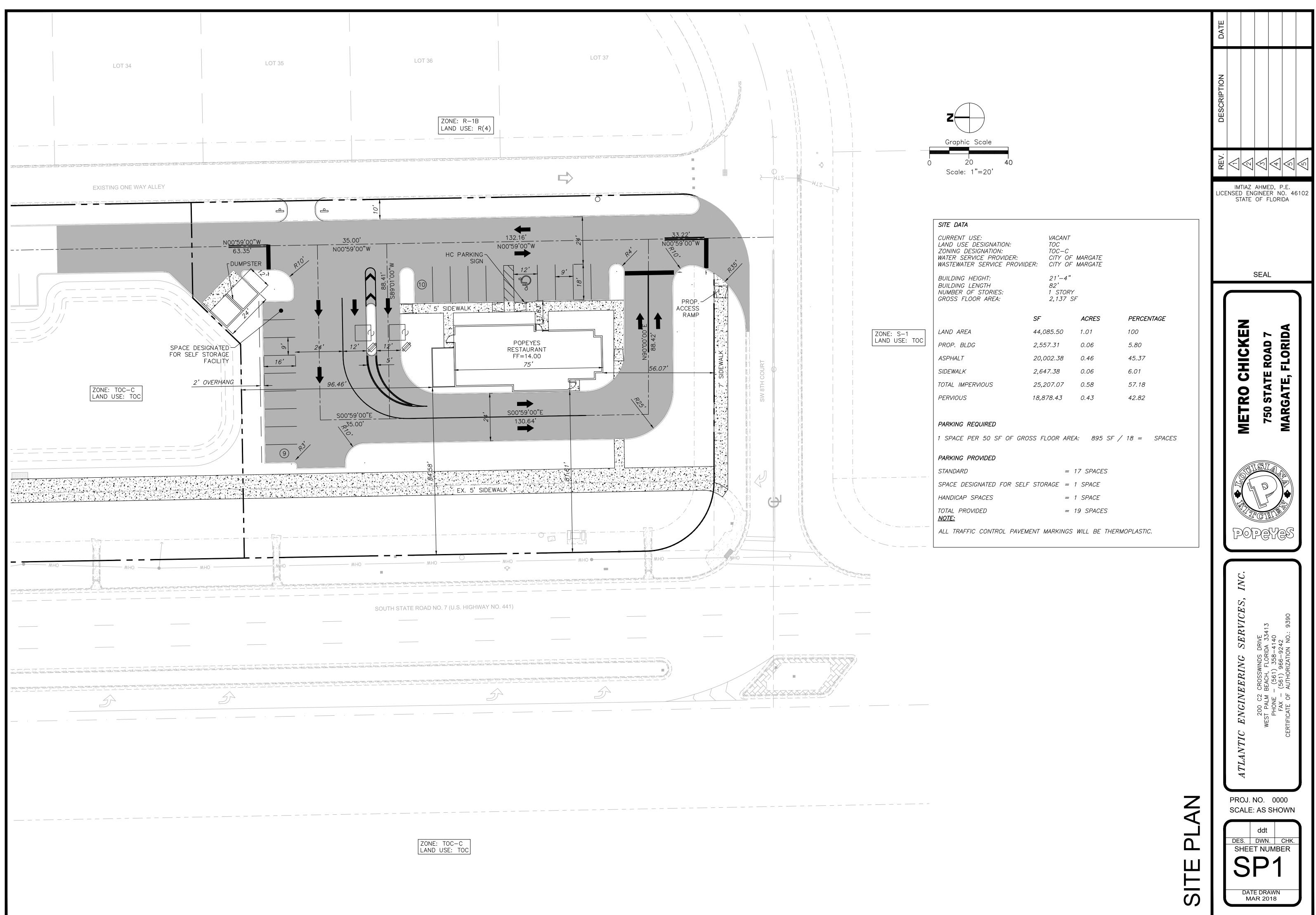
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Attachment A Site Plan



# Attachment B

Trip Generation

# Table 1: Trip Generation Summary Proposed Uses

			AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour			Daily		
Land Use	Scale	Units	Total Trips	Inbound	Outbound	Total Trips	Inbound	Outbound	Total Trips	Inbound	Outbound
Fast-Food Restaurant with Drive- Through Window (LUC 934)	2.557	ksf	NA	NA	NA	84	44	40	1204	602	602
Total			0	0	0	84	44	40	1,204	602	602

Source: ITE Trip Generation Manual (10th Edition)

T = 470.95(x)	50% in, 50% out	Daily
T = 32.67(x)	52% in, 48% out	PM Peak

# Attachment C Queue Analysis

# <u>Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen – Margate – Drive-Through Operations</u> Queuing Analysis based on ITE Procedures

q = 44 veh/hr (demand rate)

$$p = \frac{q}{NQ} = 0.367 (N = 2)$$

 $Q_{M} = 0.1986$  (for N = 2)

Using Acceptable Probability of 1% (99% Confidence Level)

$$M = \left(\frac{\text{Ln } (x > M) - \text{Ln } (Q_M)}{\text{Ln } (p)}\right) - 1$$
$$M = \left(\frac{\text{Ln}(0.01) - \text{Ln}(0.199)}{\text{Ln}(0.367)}\right) - 1$$
$$M = \left(\frac{-4.605 - (-1.617)}{-1.003}\right) - 1$$

M = 2.979 – 1 = 1.979 vehicles or, 2 vehicles

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