With minor signal timing adjustments, the overall Levels of Service during all three time periods studied can be mitigated back to roughly Background conditions or better.

Comment 12: Page 26: Cut-through traffic from the south via Donna Lea is discussed; however there is no quantitative (analytical) assessment of current cut-through traffic to assess the future impact.

Response: Concern was raised during the study about the potential for traffic to cut-through the Maplemere neighborhood. The most likely route would use Frankhauser Road from Sheridan Drive to Fairways Boulevard to Lynn Lea Street and finally to Donna Lea Boulevard. First, Frankhauser Road is a narrow road making two-way travel difficult. All of these streets are residential streets with numerous driveways, on-street parking, and lack of adequate street lighting. Based on a review of existing traffic counts at the intersection of Maple Road with Donna Lea Boulevard , this route does not appear to be used much at all. With the signalization of Donna Lea Boulevard, cut-through traffic is not likely to increase from either within the neighborhood or outside the neighborhood. We believe that any overuse of the Fairways and Donna Lea route is mostly due to neighborhood traffic, not cut-through traffic for the reasons stated above and as discussed very clearly in the traffic impact study.

Comment 13: Page 26: The Report acknowledges the need for an analysis of traffic accidents in the study area, but no analysis is provided in the draft report.

Response: As stated in the TIS and DEIS, an accident analysis was not available at the time of submittal of the DEIS, but was submitted under separate cover to the Town of Amherst on January 25, 2007 (to Mr. Gary Black). A copy of this letter is attached. This analysis identified accident rates along Maple Road in the site vicinity well below state average rates both at the intersections reviewed (Maplemere, Donna Lea and Sandhurst) and for the midblock locations).

We trust that these responses adequately address your concerns. Please contact me at (585) 359-0280 or Bob Krohn at (716) 712-0811 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
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