

April 2, 2019

Amy McNamee, CEO Union Twist, Inc. c/o Prince Lobel Tye, LLP One International Place Boston, MA 02110

Re: Traffic Review Letter

Cannabis Dispensary

1158 Beacon Street, Newton, MA

Fuss & O'Neill Reference No. 20190241.A30

#### Dear Ms. McNamee:

Union Twist, Inc. proposes to remodel a portion of the existing building at 1158 Beacon Street Newton, Massachusetts and convert its use to a cannabis dispensary. The proposed project building will have approximately 2,300 square feet of gross floor area to be used for retail. The development is expected to open in 2020.

The existing property is situated on 20,000 square feet of land, approximately 800 feet west of the intersection of Beacon Street and Walnut Street at the City of Newton. Two existing driveways provide access to the parcel from Beacon Street. The proposed development will continue using the two existing driveways for access and egress. On-street parking is not permitted in the vicinity of the site.

The site is accessible via the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) bus line number 59 which runs north and south on Walnut Street, approximately 800 feet away, as noted above. The 59 bus connects directly to the T system at the Newton Highlands station on the Green Line. The site is also located approximately one mile west of the Waban Green Line station, with a walking time of approximately 20 minutes. Sidewalks are provided on Beacon Street throughout the area, and have recently been reconstructed by the City of Newton.

The parcel is bounded by Beacon Street to the north, commercial properties to the east, the Caliper Corporation Mapping Software to the west and residential property to the south. This area is located in the Business 2 District (BU2).

Fuss & O'Neill has been retained to study the impact of the proposed development on traffic conditions throughout the adjacent roadway network. This letter has been prepared to document

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the findings of the study and is being submitted to the City of Newton in support of the project's land use applications.

## Traffic Volumes and Speeds

The greatest potential for traffic impact on the roadway network by the proposed development will occur during the morning and afternoon peak hours, the periods when commuter related trips are at their highest levels. In order to determine the traffic impact of the proposed development on adjacent street traffic, representatives of Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. conducted 24-hour traffic volume and speed counts with automatic traffic recorder (ATR) road tubes. The count was located on Beacon Street east of Beaconwood Road. Copies of the ATR data is included as an attachment to this letter.

The 85th percentile speed on Beacon Street was recorded at 33 miles per hour westbound and 29 miles per hour. The 24-hour traffic volume on this roadway (total for both directions) was recorded to be 11,539 vehicles.

## Trip Generation

The expected site generated traffic for the morning and afternoon peak hours was calculated using existing empirical data from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) publication Trip Generation, 10th edition, 2017. This publication is an industry-accepted resource for determining trip generation.

Land Use Code (LUC) 882, "Marijuana Dispensary" was used for the analysis. This LUC is expected to provide a conservative estimate of the number of trips generated by this facility.

Based on approximately 2,300 square feet of retail space, ITE Trip Generation indicates that the facility is expected to generate a total of 24 vehicle trips (13 entering, 11 exiting) in the morning peak hour, and 50 vehicle trips (25 entering, 25 exiting) in the afternoon peak hour.

## Trip Distribution

The distribution of traffic entering and exiting the proposed site was applied to the road network based on the existing regional traffic distributions and the layout of the adjacent roadway network. During the peak hours, the following arrival distributions of traffic are anticipated:

- 55 percent from Beacon Street east of the site
- 45 percent from Beacon Street west of the site



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A regional arrival/departure distribution for the new site generated traffic traveling to and from the project site is depicted in Figure No. 1 of the attached traffic volume figures.

## Intersection Sight Distance Analysis

Intersection sight distances were calculated at the proposed site driveway in accordance with criteria set forth in the 2006 Massachusetts Highway Department Project Development & Design Guide (PDDG). This sight distance is measured from a point 15 feet back from the edge of travel-way at a height of 3.5 feet, the standard height of a driver's eye.

The 85th percentile speed on Beacon Street was recorded at 33 miles per hour westbound and 29 miles per hour eastbound. In accordance with criteria set forth in the 2006 PDDG, 325 feet of intersection sight distance is required for a passenger car looking to the right and 370 is required for a passenger car looking to the left from the site driveway when approaching a two-lane roadway.

At the site driveway, sight distance extends approximately 650 feet looking left (west) and 800 feet looking right (East).

For drivers looking left or right out of the site driveway, the sight distance triangle is not obstructed and does not encroach upon abutting landowner property. The sight distances exceed MassDOT criteria for safe egress from the site.

## Crash Analysis

Crash data was gathered from the MassDOT Crash Portal along Beacon Street in vicinity of the site driveway. The records were gathered for the most recent three years of available data, 2014 through 2016. A total of 12 crashes were reported over this time period, four in 2016, three in 2015 and five in 2014, for an average of four crashes per year. Of these 12 crashes, only four were associated with personal injury, and the majority occurred in the area east of the site between Beaconwood Road and Walnut Street.

A summary of the crash data per segment is attached as Table A-1.

## **Conclusions**

The purpose of preparing a traffic impact study is to identify the impact of the proposed development's site generated traffic. The study efforts have indicated that the proposed facility will generate a total of 24 vehicle trips (13 entering, 11 exiting) in the morning peak hour, and 50 vehicle trips (25 entering, 25 exiting) in the afternoon peak hour.



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The 85th percentile speed on Beacon Street was recorded at 33 miles per hour westbound and 29 miles per hour eastbound. The 24-hour traffic volume on this roadway (total for both directions) was recorded to be 11,539 vehicles.

A review of crash data provided by the MassDOT Crash Portal indicated that there were no abnormal crash patterns or frequencies in the study area.

For drivers looking left or right out of the site driveway, the sight distance triangle is not obstructed and does not encroach upon abutting landowner property. The sight distances exceed CTDOT criteria for safe egress from the site.

Based on the results of the foregoing analysis, it is the professional opinion of Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. that the proposed development will not have a significant impact to traffic operations within the study area.

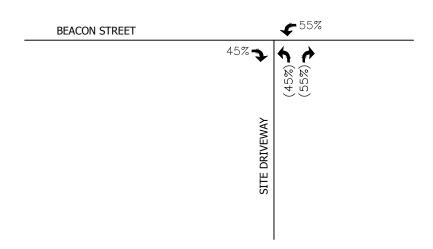
We trust that this information will be sufficient for your review; however, if you should require additional information or have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Matthew Skelly, PTOE

Senior Transportation Engineer



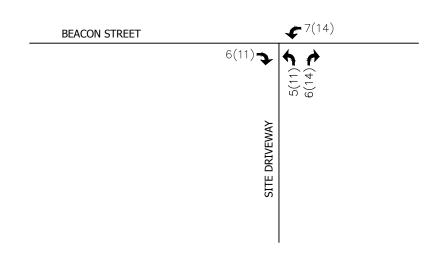


XXX(XXX) = ENTERING TRAFFIC (EXITING TRAFFIC)





SITE GENERATED TRAFFIC VOLUMES											
ENTER EXIT TOTAL											
MORNING	MORNING 13 11 24										
AFTERNOON	25	25	50								



XXX(XXX) = WEEKDAY MORNING PEAK HOUR (WEEKDAY PM PEAK HOUR)



Location: Beacon Street

Location: East of Beaconwood Road

City/State: Newton, MA

Start	3/28/2019	W	'B	Hour	Totals	F	:B	Hour	Totals	Combined Totals		
Time	Thu	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon	
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12:30		1	86			2	98					
12:45		2	106	4	359	0	96	4	377	8	736	
01:00		4	89			2	78					
01:15		0	71			2	78					
01:30		0	86			0	97					
01:45		1	105	5	351	1	100	6	353	11	704	
02:00		2	91			2	77					
02:15		2 2	91			0	91					
02:30		0	110			0	109					
02:45		0	127	4	419	1	80	3	357	7	776	
03:00		3	117			1	103					
03:15		1	156			5	120					
03:30		0	115			2	107					
03:45		1	118	5	506	2	130	10	460	15	966	
04:00		1	132			3	116					
04:15		2	126			1	93					
04:30		1	128			6	122					
04:45		1	121	5	507	2	111	12	442	17	949	
05:00		5	124			10	114					
05:15		6	120			14	85					
05:30		6	134			17	124					
05:45		7	113	24	491	25	138	66	461	90	952	
06:00		10	118			22	118					
06:15		15	110			34	127					
06:30		22	112			56	111					
06:45		44	88	91	428	78	98	190	454	281	882	
07:00		37	72			110	72					
07:15		63	69			138	42					
07:30		84	52			133	61					
07:45		88	73	272	266	125	66	506	241	778	507	
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11:30		97 78	4	309	24	107 93	6	359	19	668	43	
Total		1664	3706	309	24	<u>93</u> 2661	3508	309	19	4325	7214	
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Location: Beacon Street

Location: East of Beaconwood Road

City/State: Newton, MA

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06:00		91	190							28
07:00		272	506							778
08:00		387	609							99
09:00		292	522							814
10:00		266	374							640
11:00		309	359							668
12:00 PM		359	377							73
01:00		351	353							70
02:00		419	357							77
03:00		506	460							96
04:00		507	442							949
05:00		491	461							95
06:00		428	454							88
07:00		266	241							50
08:00		155	179							334
09:00		133	115							248
10:00		67	50							11
11:00		24	19							4:
Total		5370	6169							1153
Percent		46.5%	53.5%							
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Daily

15th Percentile : 21 MPH 50th Percentile : 27 MPH

85th Percentile: 33 MPH 95th Percentile: 36 MPH

Mean Speed(Average): 28 MPH 10 MPH Pace Speed: 26-35 MPH Number in Pace: 3571

 Percent in Pace :
 66.5%

 Number of Vehicles > 30 MPH :
 1841

 Percent of Vehicles > 30 MPH :
 34.3%

Grand Total	113	311	1010	2095	1476	321	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5370

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18:00	118	122	107	71	30	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	454
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23:00	0	1_	0	9	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
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Daily 15th Percentile: 15 MPH

50th Percentile: 23 MPH 85th Percentile: 29 MPH 95th Percentile: 34 MPH

 Mean Speed(Average) :
 23 MPH

 10 MPH Pace Speed :
 21-30 MPH

 Number in Pace :
 3274

 Percent in Pace :
 53.1%

Number of Vehicles > 30 MPH: 920
Percent of Vehicles > 30 MPH: 14.9%

Grand Lotal	850	1125	1675	1599	751	149	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6169

Overall 15th Percentile: 15 MPH 50th Percentile: 23 MPH

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15:00	52	86	290	332	188	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	966
16:00	64	113	232	351	156	29	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	949
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21:00	4	8	35	98	92	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248
22:00	0	4	14	41	41	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117
23:00	0	11	4	16	14	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Total	963	1436	2685	3694	2227	470	62	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11539

Daily

15th Percentile : 17 MPH 50th Percentile : 25 MPH

85th Percentile: 32 MPH 95th Percentile: 34 MPH

 Mean Speed(Average):
 25 MPH

 10 MPH Pace Speed:
 21-30 MPH

 Number in Pace:
 6379

Percent in Pace: 55.3%
Number of Vehicles > 30 MPH: 2761
Percent of Vehicles > 30 MPH: 23.9%

Grand Total 963 1436 2685 3694 2227 470 62 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 11539

Overall 15th Percentile : 17 MPH 50th Percentile : 25 MPH

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 Mean Speed(Average):
 25 MPH

 10 MPH Pace Speed:
 21-30 MPH

 Number in Pace:
 6379

 Percent in Pace:
 55.3%

Number of Vehicles > 30 MPH: 2761
Percent of Vehicles > 30 MPH: 23.9%

# **Marijuana Dispensary** (882)

Vehicle Trip Ends vs: 1000 Sq. Ft. GFA

On a: Weekday,

Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic, One Hour Between 7 and 9 a.m.

Setting/Location: General Urban/Suburban

Number of Studies: Avg. 1000 Sq. Ft. GFA:

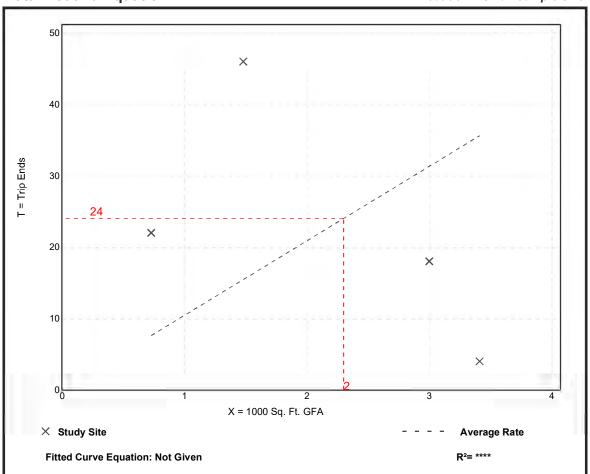
Directional Distribution: 56% entering, 44% exiting

# Vehicle Trip Generation per 1000 Sq. Ft. GFA

Average Rate	Range of Rates	Standard Deviation
10.44	1.17 - 31.08	14.00

# **Data Plot and Equation**

### Caution - Small Sample Size



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# **Marijuana Dispensary** (882)

Vehicle Trip Ends vs: 1000 Sq. Ft. GFA

On a: Weekday,

Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic, One Hour Between 4 and 6 p.m.

Setting/Location: General Urban/Suburban

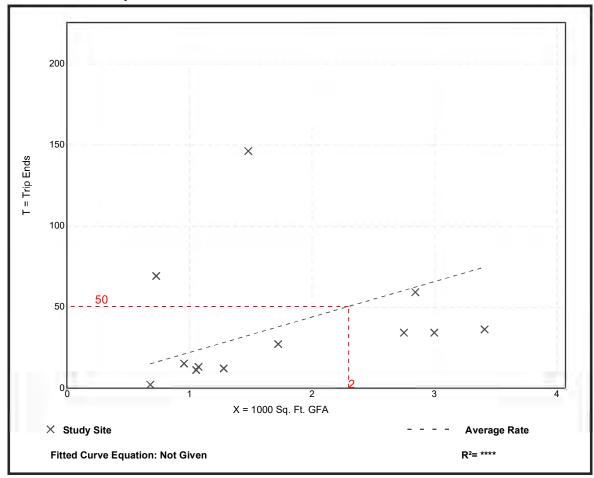
Number of Studies: 12 Avg. 1000 Sq. Ft. GFA:

50% entering, 50% exiting Directional Distribution:

# Vehicle Trip Generation per 1000 Sq. Ft. GFA

Average Rate	Range of Rates	Standard Deviation
21.83	2.94 - 98.65	27.36

# **Data Plot and Equation**



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## TABLE A-1 CRASH DATA SUMMARY - 2014 to 2016 STUDY AREA SEGMENT

## Beacon Street

Criteria	
YEAR	
2014	5
2015	3
<u>2016</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	12
Average No. of Crashes	4.00
Crash Rate	1.90
TYPE	
Angle	2
Rear-End	5
Head-On	0
Sideswipe	2
Pedestrian/Bicycle	2
Collision w/ Fixed Object	0
<u>Unknown/Other</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	12
SEVERITY	
Property Damage Only	7
Non-fatal Injury	4
Fatality	0
<u>Unknown/Other</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	12
Total	12
WEATHER	
Clear	9
Wet	0
Snow/Ice	0
Clouds	2
Fog	0
<u>Unknown/Other</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	12
TIME	
Weekday 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	1
Weekday 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	4
Other	<u>0</u>
Total	5
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District #6 Average Crash Rates: 0.71 Signalized Intersections

0.52 Unsignalized Intersections

Major Collector: 3.58