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PLANNING BOARD RECOMENDATION to the CITY COUNCIL

To: Mayor Levesque and Honorable Members of the Auburn City Council
From: Auburn Planning Board
Re: Recommendation to Review the Road Infrastructure Plan for Hotel and Merrow Roads
Date: October 10, 2019

During its meeting held on October 08, 2019, the Auburn Planning Board heard from residents concerned about the volume of traffic at the intersection of Merrow Rd. and Hotel Rd. in Auburn. The Planning Board agreed that traffic volumes are high for this intersection, which poses safety concerns. The Board received information from City staff indicating that the average daily trips (ADT) for this section of Hotel Rd. exceeds 10,000 trips, a number that is higher than more improved roads like Washington Avenue with an ADT of 8,000. The Board also discussed that both Hotel Rd. and Merrow Rd. are likely to see a rise in ADT numbers as commercial development in the area continues.

Based on the potential for increased traffic at this intersection, the lack of a current traffic study for the intersection, concerns from residents and additional concerns regarding safety from the Board itself, the Board makes the following recommendation:

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The City should conduct a review of both the Road Infrastructure Plan and surrounding Land Use Plan for Hotel and Merrow Roads to ensure that these roads, and their intersections, are properly designed to handle current and possible future increases in commercial traffic volumes due to development. Further, it is recommended that this review consider the possible use of a traffic light at the intersection of Merrow and Hotel roads to increase the safety of that intersection.

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