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VIA EMAIL

Development Application	AZ-22-11, RZ-22-03, DA-22-12, CU-22-05, PP-22-17, PR-22-08
Project Name	Talega Village Subdivision (previously North Star Development)
Project Location	NEC of SH-16 and SH-44 @ approximate MP 12.5 (58 N Truman Place, Star, Idaho) at the northeast corner of SH-16 and SH-44.
Project Description	Proposed multifamily residential use (340 units), Proposed residential and commercial uses consisting of 155 lots (1 commercial lot, 1 multi-family lot, 55 single-family residential lots, 98 townhome lots, multiple common lots), and private streets
Applicant	Chad Garner, Focus Engineering & Surveying

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the planned Talega Village Subdivision at the northeast corner of State Highway 44 and State Highway 16, Star, Idaho. Please see the below comments:

1. This project abuts the State Highway system (SH-16/SH-44).
2. No direct access to the State Highway system has been requested with this application and none is approved.
3. Due to the type and proximity of this facility, impacts to the State Highway system may be anticipated. Based on IDAPA 39.03.42 Section 400.03.f, table 2 (100 or more residential dwelling units at build out), a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) is required.
 - a. Any necessary mitigation for traffic impacts identified by the TIS shall be the responsibility of the applicant to install.
4. Due to the size of this development and the impacts this project will have on multiple accesses along SH-44 (State Street), ITD highly recommends constructing this development in a phased approach. ITD requests to have the TIS revised to show each phase of the development along with impacts that each phase will create.
5. N Hamlin Avenue is currently designed as a right-in right-out (RIRO).
 - a. Keep in mind that it is possible that N Hamlin Ave will eventually be a right-in only. The location of N Hamlin Ave and SH-44 is the beginning of the taper for the widening of W State St to three (3) more lanes to its west. The development to the east of N Hamlin Ave is planned to eventually have its interior road connected to N Hamlin Ave at which point may restrict it to a right-out only.



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6. Only planting of forage plants, grasses, flowers, and shrubs with a mature height not to exceed three (3) feet will be allowed within the clear zone of the state highway right-of-way. Type and size of grasses, flowers, and shrubs will be determined by the Department.
 - a. No trees shall be allowed within the clear zone of the state highway right-of-way.
 - b. Irrigation systems shall be no closer than five (5) feet from the pavement edge and shall be adjusted so water does not cover any portion of the highway pavement.

ITD reserves the right to make further comments upon review of any submitted documentation. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (208) 334-8337.

Sincerely,

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