



Transportation Impact Study - ADDENDUM

Middlebrook Commons

Knox County, Tennessee



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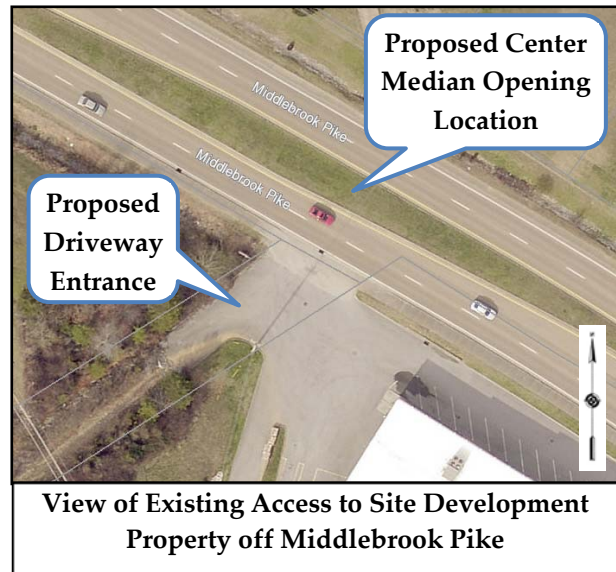
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ADDENDUM

Preface:

The Middlebrook Commons apartment site plans and Transportation Impact Study (TIS) were approved by Knoxville/Knox County Planning and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in August 2021. The TIS analyzed the proposed driveway entrance for the apartment development with a right-in/right-out configuration due to the unavailability of a median opening on Middlebrook Pike. However, the TIS included a request and documentation for a center median opening that would allow, at a



minimum, westbound left-turns into the development. Ultimately, the TIS approval included a denial by TDOT for a median opening on Middlebrook Pike. This denial would force all future apartment residents at the proposed driveway entrance to enter only via an eastbound right-turn and exit only via a northbound right-turn at Middlebrook Pike.

Since the original approval, a further investigation was undertaken to request a full center median opening on Middlebrook Pike for the proposed development entrance. This additional investigation was spurred by Congressman Tim Burchett's office stating that a median opening on Middlebrook Pike could be approved if the design met TDOT guidelines and allowed the adjacent church to the west to have access to the proposed median opening.

It is believed that the TDOT design guidelines can be met, and this addendum updates the original TIS and includes analyzing the proposed development with a full center median opening on Middlebrook Pike. This median opening would allow both entering and exiting left-turns at the proposed apartment entrance in addition to right-turns.

This addendum only addresses the proposed driveway entrance and does not re-analyze the upstream and downstream existing intersections included in the original study. This addendum analyzes the development with 120 multi-family apartments and assumes that the development is still anticipated to be fully built-out and occupied by 2023. The existing traffic volumes

obtained in the original study were re-used and included a requested increase of 20% to the raw tabulated volumes to account for Covid-19.

Some of the original figures and traffic volumes are included in this addendum. The following figures are included in this addendum:


- Figure 1 - 2021 Existing Peak Hour Traffic Volumes (+20% to account for Covid)
- Figure 2 - 2023 Projected Peak Hour Traffic Volumes (Without the Project)
- Figure 3 - Directional Distribution of Generated Traffic during AM and PM Peak Hour
- Figure 4 - Traffic Assignment of Generated Traffic during AM and PM Peak Hour
- Figure 5 - 2023 Peak Hour Traffic Volumes (With the Project)

Of the above, Figures 3 – 5 have been updated in this addendum that takes into account a full center median opening on Middlebrook Pike.

The existing traffic volumes (Figure 1) were increased to the horizon year 2023 with a growth rate of 2% (Figure 2), as originally done in the TIS. The generated trips for the 120 units in the Middlebrook Commons were distributed and assigned with the same 65%/35% split as completed in the original TIS (Figures 3 and 4).

An intersection capacity analysis was conducted in Synchro 8 software at the proposed driveway entrance to determine the projected Level of Service (LOS) with the development traffic in 2023 (Figure 5) with a full center median opening on Middlebrook Pike. The updated analysis included an exclusive westbound left-turn lane in the center median. Table 1 shows the AM and PM peak hours results, and the Appendix includes the worksheets for these capacity analyses. The results show that the proposed driveway entrance with a full center median opening on Middlebrook Pike will operate with average vehicle delays.

TABLE 1
2023 INTERSECTION CAPACITY ANALYSIS RESULTS -
OPENING YEAR (WITH THE PROJECT - 120 Apartments)

INTERSECTION	TRAFFIC CONTROL	APPROACH/ MOVEMENT	AM PEAK			PM PEAK		
			LOS	DELAY (seconds)	v/c	LOS	DELAY (seconds)	v/c
Middlebrook Pike at Proposed Apartment Driveway		Westbound Left	B	11.6	0.020	B	12.4	0.070
		Northbound Left/Right	C	20.0	0.190	C	22.4	0.180

Note: All analyses were calculated in Synchro 8 software and reported with HCM 2000 methodology

A re-evaluation of the need for separate entering turn lanes on Middlebrook Pike for the development in 2023 was conducted. The design policy used for these turn lane evaluations is based on “Knox County’s Access Control and Driveway Design Policy”.

The evaluation was based on the entering projected 2023 AM and PM peak hour traffic volumes (Figure 5) at the proposed driveway entrance and the posted speed limit of 40-mph on Middlebrook Pike.

As included in the capacity analysis, the results indicate that a separate westbound left-turn lane would be warranted, and a separate eastbound right-turn lane would not be warranted. The Knox County turn lane policy worksheets are in the Appendix.

The projected vehicle queue lengths in the 2023 AM and PM hours were calculated utilizing SimTraffic software. The calculated vehicle queue results were based on averaging the outcome obtained during ten traffic simulations. The vehicle queue worksheets from the SimTraffic software are in the Appendix. The 95th percentile queue lengths at the intersection are shown in Table 2.

**TABLE 2
TURN LANE STORAGE & VEHICLE QUEUE SUMMARY -
2023 PROJECTED PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC VOLUMES - 120 APARTMENTS**

INTERSECTION	APPROACH/ MOVEMENT	SIMTRAFFIC 95 th PERCENTILE QUEUE LENGTH (ft)	
		AM PEAK HOUR	PM PEAK HOUR
Middlebrook Pike at Proposed Apartment Driveway	Westbound Left	29	46
	Northbound Left/Right	62	60

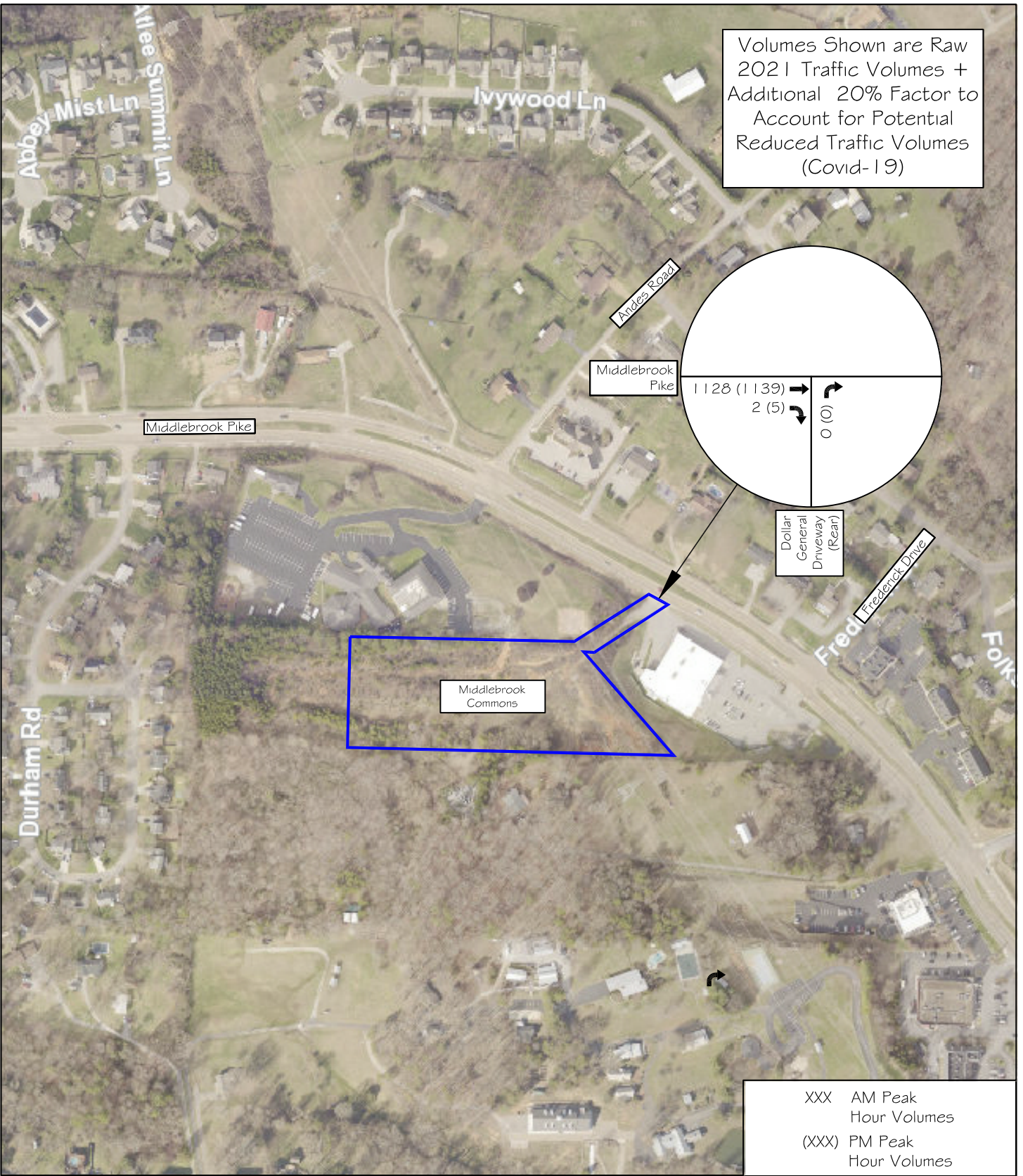
Note: 95th percentile queues were calculated in SimTraffic 8 software

Thus, based on the projected 2023 volumes, a separate westbound left-turn lane is recommended to be constructed with 75 feet of vehicle storage, providing storage length for one additional passenger vehicle than calculated.

Addendum Results:

The findings of this addendum include the following:

- A full center median opening on Middlebrook Pike that will allow full entering and exiting turning movements is calculated to operate adequately in 2023 with respect to projected LOS and vehicle delays.
- A westbound exclusive left-turn lane will be warranted based on the projected 2023 AM and PM peak hour traffic volumes with 120 apartments. An eastbound exclusive right-turn lane will not be warranted.
- The westbound exclusive left-turn lane is recommended to have 75 feet of vehicle storage. A lane taper of 160 feet would be appropriate at this location. A lane taper of 160 feet would be nearly 15:1 (based on a 11-foot lane). This taper would allow the exclusive left-turn lane to be constructed without requiring modifications to the existing catch basin located in the gutter of the inside westbound travel lane on Middlebrook Pike.



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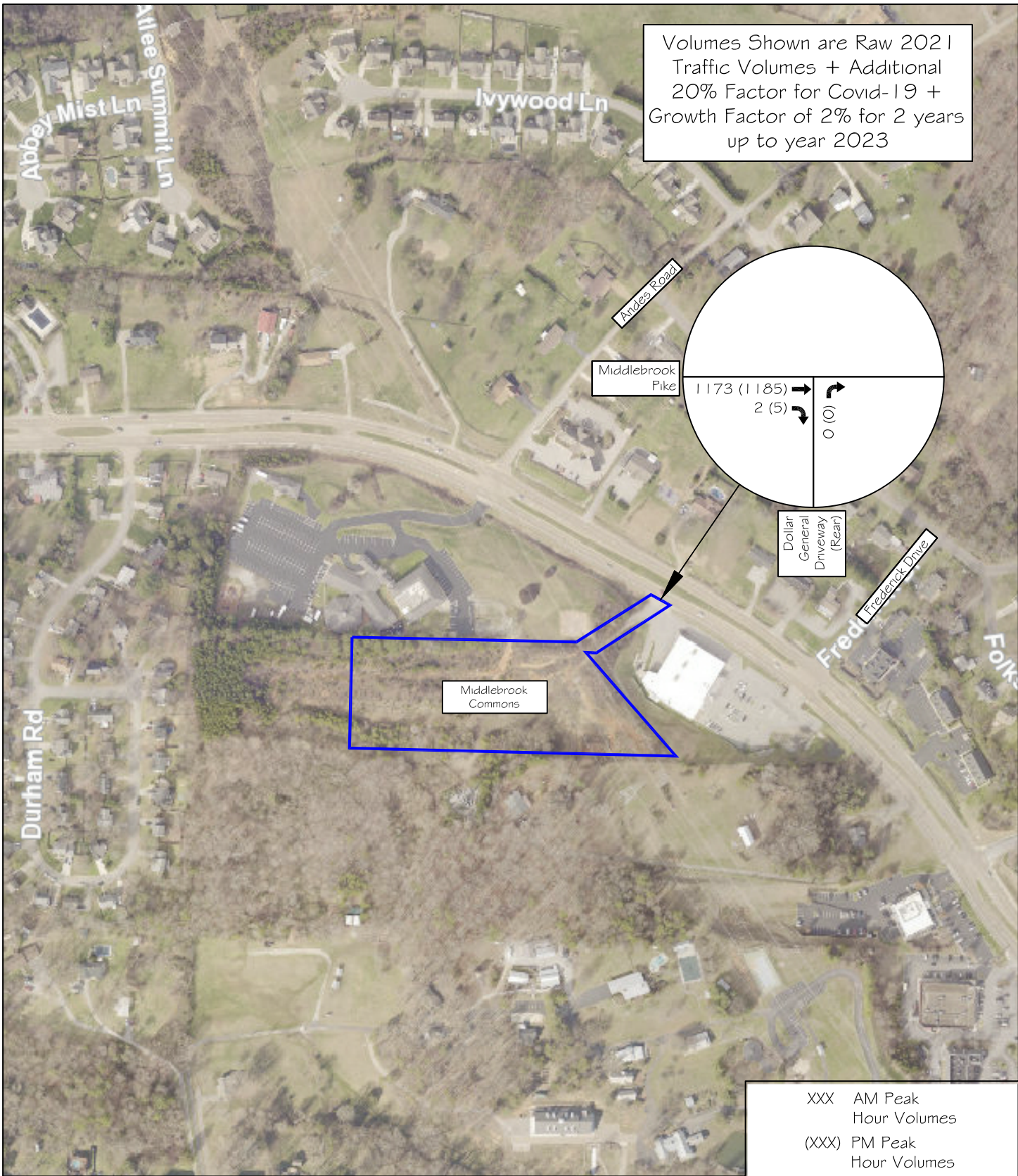


FIGURE I - Addendum

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2021 Peak Hour Traffic Volumes (+ 20% to account for Covid)

Volumes Shown are Raw 2021 Traffic Volumes + Additional 20% Factor for Covid-19 + Growth Factor of 2% for 2 years up to year 2023



XXX AM Peak Hour Volumes
 (XXX) PM Peak Hour Volumes



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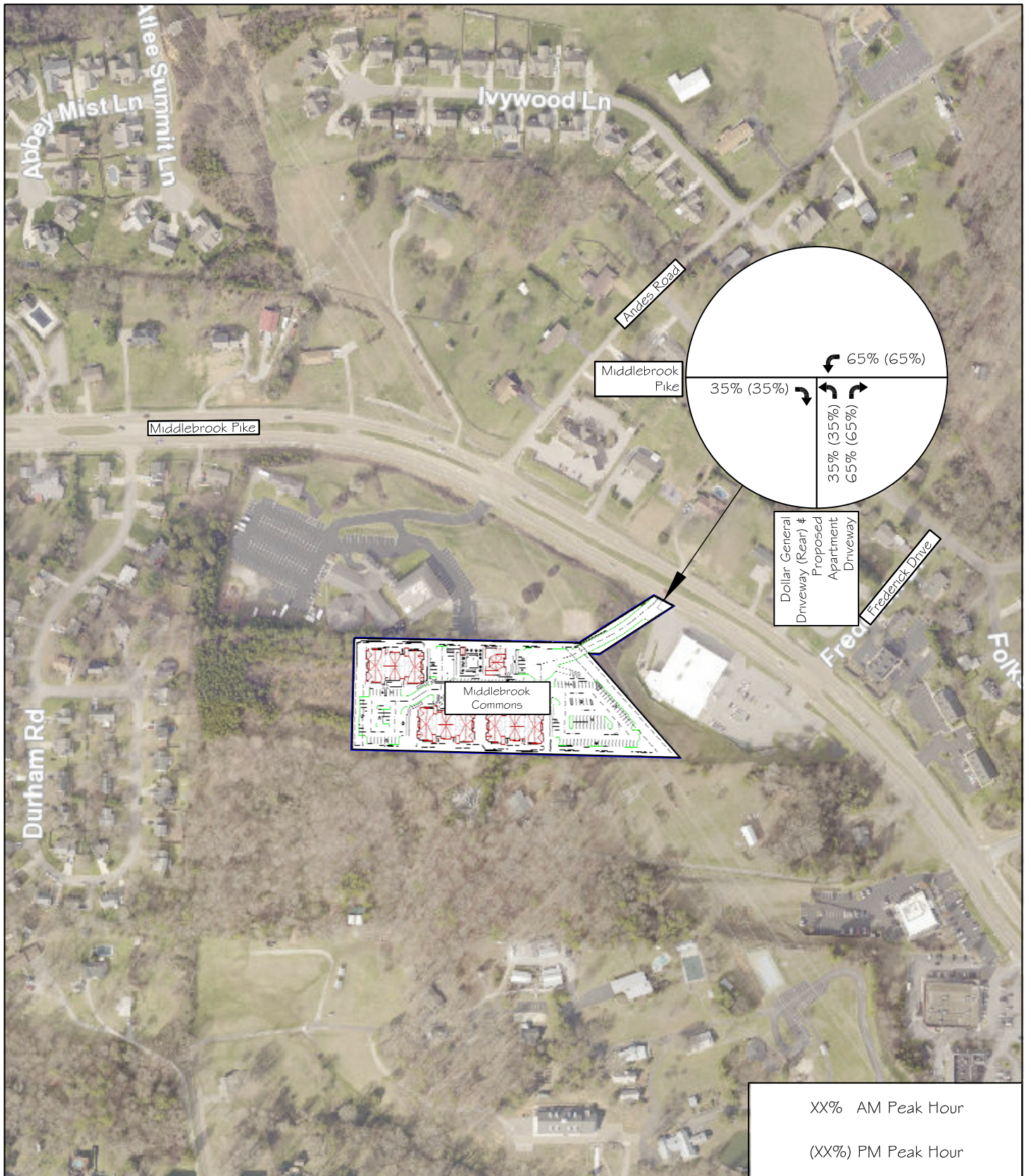
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FIGURE 2 - Addendum

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2023 Projected Peak Hour Traffic Volumes (WITHOUT THE PROJECT)



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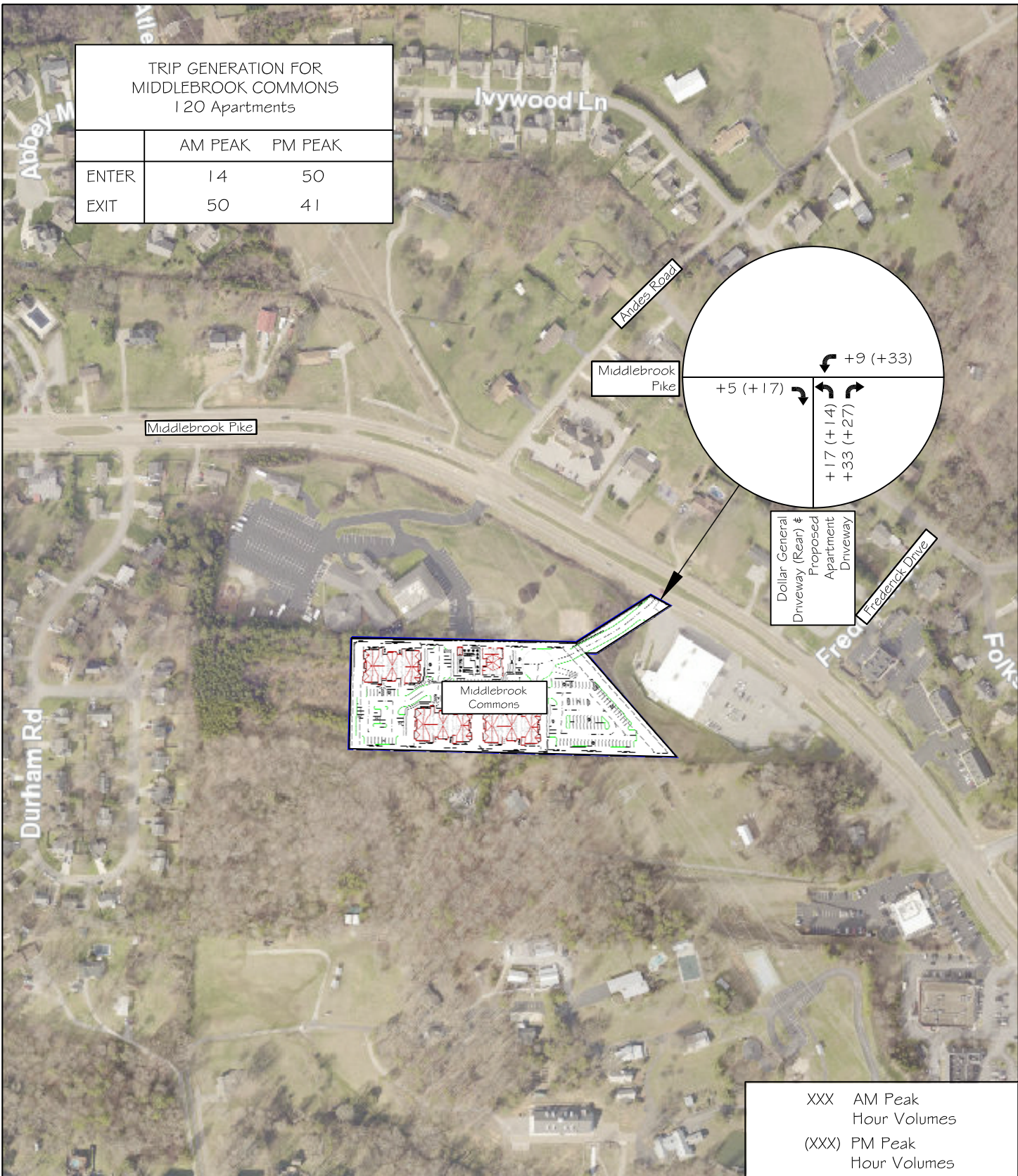


FIGURE 3 - Addendum

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Directional Distribution of Generated Traffic during AM and PM Peak Hour

TRIP GENERATION FOR MIDDLEBROOK COMMONS 120 Apartments		
	AM PEAK	PM PEAK
ENTER	14	50
EXIT	50	41




XXX AM Peak
Hour Volumes
(XXX) PM Peak
Hour Volumes



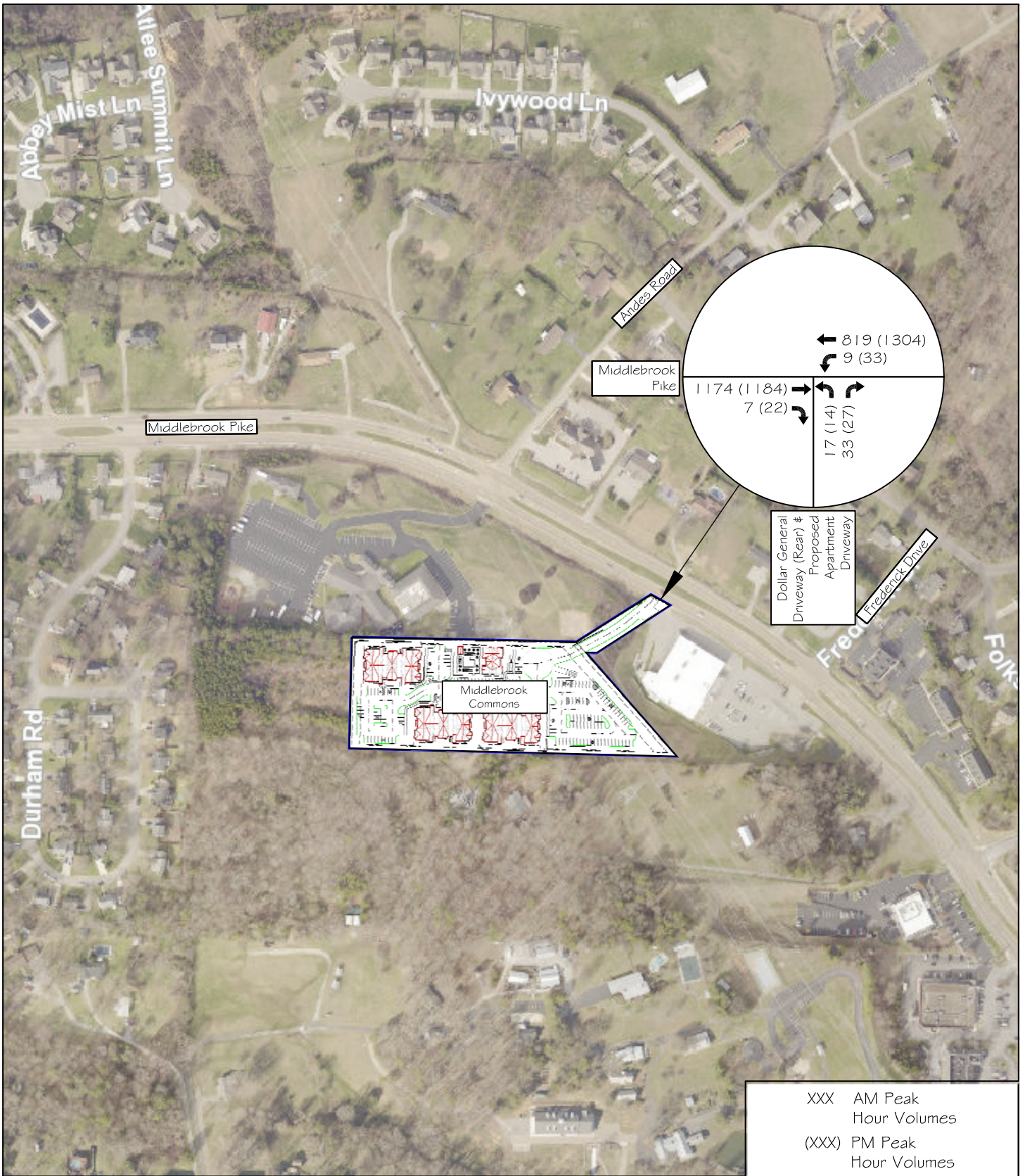
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FIGURE 4 - Addendum
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Traffic Assignment of Generated Traffic
during AM and PM Peak Hour




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FIGURE 5 - Addendum
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 2023 Peak Hour Traffic Volumes -
 (WITH THE PROJECT)

APPENDIX

HCM Unsignalized Intersection Capacity Analysis

9: Dollar General Driveway (Rear) & Middlebrook Pike

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Movement	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	NBL	NBR
Lane Configurations	↑↑		↵	↑↑	↵	
Volume (veh/h)	1174	7	9	819	17	33
Sign Control	Free			Free	Stop	
Grade	-3%			3%	-3%	
Peak Hour Factor	0.94	0.50	0.90	0.98	0.90	0.90
Hourly flow rate (vph)	1249	14	10	836	19	37
Pedestrians						
Lane Width (ft)						
Walking Speed (ft/s)						
Percent Blockage						
Right turn flare (veh)						
Median type	Raised			Raised		
Median storage (veh)	1			1		
Upstream signal (ft)						
pX, platoon unblocked						
vC, conflicting volume			1263			1694 631
vC1, stage 1 conf vol						1256
vC2, stage 2 conf vol						438
vCu, unblocked vol			1263			1694 631
tC, single (s)			4.1			6.8 6.9
tC, 2 stage (s)						5.8
tF (s)			2.2			3.5 3.3
p0 queue free %			98			90 91
cM capacity (veh/h)			557			185 429

Direction, Lane #	EB 1	EB 2	WB 1	WB 2	WB 3	NB 1
Volume Total	833	430	10	418	418	56
Volume Left	0	0	10	0	0	19
Volume Right	0	14	0	0	0	37
cSH	1700	1700	557	1700	1700	296
Volume to Capacity	0.49	0.25	0.02	0.25	0.25	0.19
Queue Length 95th (ft)	0	0	1	0	0	17
Control Delay (s)	0.0	0.0	11.6	0.0	0.0	20.0
Lane LOS	B			C		
Approach Delay (s)	0.0		0.1			20.0
Approach LOS				C		

Intersection Summary						
Average Delay			0.6			
Intersection Capacity Utilization			42.7%	ICU Level of Service	A	
Analysis Period (min)			15			

HCM Unsignalized Intersection Capacity Analysis

9: Dollar General Driveway (Rear) & Middlebrook Pike

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Movement	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	NBL	NBR
Lane Configurations	↑↑		↵	↑↑	↵	
Volume (veh/h)	1184	22	33	1304	14	27
Sign Control	Free			Free	Stop	
Grade	-3%			3%	-3%	
Peak Hour Factor	0.93	0.33	0.90	0.91	0.90	0.90
Hourly flow rate (vph)	1273	67	37	1433	16	30
Pedestrians						
Lane Width (ft)						
Walking Speed (ft/s)						
Percent Blockage						
Right turn flare (veh)						
Median type	Raised			Raised		
Median storage (veh)	1			1		
Upstream signal (ft)						
pX, platoon unblocked						
vC, conflicting volume			1340		2096	670
vC1, stage 1 conf vol					1306	
vC2, stage 2 conf vol					790	
vCu, unblocked vol			1340		2096	670
tC, single (s)			4.1		6.8	6.9
tC, 2 stage (s)					5.8	
tF (s)			2.2		3.5	3.3
p0 queue free %			93		89	93
cM capacity (veh/h)			521		146	405

Direction, Lane #	EB 1	EB 2	WB 1	WB 2	WB 3	NB 1
Volume Total	849	491	37	716	716	46
Volume Left	0	0	37	0	0	16
Volume Right	0	67	0	0	0	30
cSH	1700	1700	521	1700	1700	252
Volume to Capacity	0.50	0.29	0.07	0.42	0.42	0.18
Queue Length 95th (ft)	0	0	6	0	0	16
Control Delay (s)	0.0	0.0	12.4	0.0	0.0	22.4
Lane LOS	B			C		
Approach Delay (s)	0.0		0.3			22.4
Approach LOS				C		

Intersection Summary						
Average Delay			0.5			
Intersection Capacity Utilization			46.0%	ICU Level of Service	A	
Analysis Period (min)			15			

TABLE 5A

LEFT-TURN LANE VOLUME THRESHOLDS
FOR TWO-LANE ROADWAYS WITH A PREVAILING SPEED OF 36 TO 45 MPH

(If the left-turn volume exceeds the table value a left -turn lane is needed)

OPPOSING VOLUME	THROUGH VOLUME PLUS RIGHT-TURN VOLUME *					
	100 - 149	150 - 199	200 - 249	250 - 299	300 - 349	350 - 399
100 - 149	250	180	140	110	80	70
150 - 199	200	140	105	90	70	60
200 - 249	160	115	85	75	65	55
250 - 299	130	100	75	65	60	50
300 - 349	110	90	70	60	55	45
350 - 399	100	80	65	55	50	40
400 - 449	90	70	60	50	45	35
450 - 499	80	65	55	45	40	30
500 - 549	70	60	45	35	35	25
550 - 599	65	55	40	35	30	25
600 - 649	60	45	35	30	25	25
650 - 699	55	35	35	30	25	20
700 - 749	50	35	30	25	20	20
750 or More	45	35	25	25	20	20

$1174/2 = 587 * 1.05 = 617 + 7 = 624$

$819/2 = 410 * 1.05 = 431$

OPPOSING VOLUME	THROUGH VOLUME PLUS RIGHT-TURN VOLUME *					
	350 - 399	400 - 449	450 - 499	500 - 549	550 - 599	=/ > 600
100 - 149	70	60	50	45	40	35
150 - 199	60	55	45	40	35	30
200 - 249	55	50	45	40	30	30
250 - 299	50	45	40	35	30	30
300 - 349	45	40	35	30	25	25
350 - 399	40	35	30	25	25	20
400 - 449	35	30	25	20	20	20
450 - 499	30	25	20	20	20	20
500 - 549	25	25	20	20	20	15
550 - 599	25	20	20	20	20	15
600 - 649	25	20	20	20	20	15
650 - 699	20	20	20	20	20	15
700 - 749	20	20	20	15	15	15
750 or More	20	20	20	15	15	15

Middlebrook Pike at Proposed Apartment Entrance - 120 Apartments
2023 Projected AM WB Left Turns = 9
Left Turn Lane NOT Warranted

* Or through volume only if a right-turn lane exists

TABLE 5B

RIGHT-TURN LANE VOLUME THRESHOLDS
FOR TWO-LANE ROADWAYS WITH A PREVAILING SPEED OF 36 TO 45 MPH

RIGHT-TURN VOLUME	THROUGH VOLUME PLUS LEFT-TURN VOLUME *					
	<100	100 - 199	200 - 249	250 - 299	300 - 349	350 - 399
Fewer Than 25 25 - 49 50 - 99						
100 - 149 150 - 199						
200 - 249 250 - 299					Yes	Yes
300 - 349 350 - 399			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
400 - 449 450 - 499		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
500 - 549 550 - 599	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
600 or More	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

$1174/2 = 587 * 1.05 = 617$

RIGHT-TURN VOLUME	THROUGH VOLUME PLUS LEFT-TURN VOLUME *					
	350 - 399	400 - 449	450 - 499	500 - 549	550 - 600	+ / > 600
Fewer Than 25 25 - 49 50 - 99				Yes	Yes	Yes
100 - 149 150 - 199				Yes	Yes	Yes
200 - 249 250 - 299	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
300 - 349 350 - 399	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
400 - 449 450 - 499	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
500 - 549 550 - 599	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
600 or More	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Middlebrook Pike at Proposed Apartment Entrance - 120 Apartments
2023 Projected AM EB Right Turns = 7
Right Turn Lane NOT Warranted

* Or through volume only if a left-turn lane exists.

TABLE 5A

LEFT-TURN LANE VOLUME THRESHOLDS
FOR TWO-LANE ROADWAYS WITH A PREVAILING SPEED OF 36 TO 45 MPH

(If the left-turn volume exceeds the table value a left -turn lane is needed)

OPPOSING VOLUME	THROUGH VOLUME PLUS RIGHT-TURN VOLUME *					
	100 - 149	150 - 199	200 - 249	250 - 299	300 - 349	350 - 399
100 - 149	250	180	140	110	80	70
150 - 199	200	140	105	90	70	60
200 - 249	160	115	85	75	65	55
250 - 299	130	100	75	65	60	50
300 - 349	110	90	70	60	55	45
350 - 399	100	80	65	55	50	40
400 - 449	90	70	60	50	45	35
450 - 499	80	65	55	45	40	30
500 - 549	70	60	45	35	35	25
550 - 599	65	55	40	35	30	25
600 - 649	60	45	35	30	25	25
650 - 699	55	35	35	30	25	20
700 - 749	50	35	30	25	20	20
750 or More	45	35	25	25	20	20

$1184/2 = 592 * 1.05 = 622 + 22 = 644$

$1304/2 = 652 * 1.05 = 685$

OPPOSING VOLUME	THROUGH VOLUME PLUS RIGHT-TURN VOLUME *					
	350 - 399	400 - 449	450 - 499	500 - 549	550 - 599	= / > 600
100 - 149	70	Middlebrook Pike at Proposed Apartment Entrance - 120 Apartments 2023 Projected PM WB Left Turns = 33 Left Turn Lane Warranted	50	45	40	35
150 - 199	60		45	40	35	30
200 - 249	55		40	35	30	30
250 - 299	50		35	30	30	30
300 - 349	45		35	30	25	25
350 - 399	40		30	25	25	20
400 - 449	35	30	25	20	20	20
450 - 499	30	25	20	20	20	20
500 - 549	25	20	20	20	20	15
550 - 599	25	20	20	20	20	15
600 - 649	25	20	20	20	20	15
650 - 699	20	20	20	20	20	15
700 - 749	20	20	20	15	15	15
750 or More	20	20	20	15	15	15

* Or through volume only if a right-turn lane exists

TABLE 5B

RIGHT-TURN LANE VOLUME THRESHOLDS
FOR TWO-LANE ROADWAYS WITH A PREVAILING SPEED OF 36 TO 45 MPH

RIGHT-TURN VOLUME	THROUGH VOLUME PLUS LEFT-TURN VOLUME *					
	<100	100 - 199	200 - 249	250 - 299	300 - 349	350 - 399
Fewer Than 25 25 - 49 50 - 99						
100 - 149 150 - 199						
200 - 249 250 - 299					Yes	Yes
300 - 349 350 - 399			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
400 - 449 450 - 499		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
500 - 549 550 - 599	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
600 or More	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

$1184/2 = 592 * 1.05 = 622$

RIGHT-TURN VOLUME	THROUGH VOLUME PLUS LEFT-TURN VOLUME *					
	350 - 399	400 - 449	450 - 499	500 - 549	550 - 600	+ / > 600
Fewer Than 25 25 - 49 50 - 99				Yes	Yes	Yes
100 - 149 150 - 199				Yes	Yes	Yes
200 - 249 250 - 299	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
300 - 349 350 - 399	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
400 - 449 450 - 499	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
500 - 549 550 - 599	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
600 or More	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Middlebrook Pike at
Proposed Apartment
Entrance - 120
Apartments

2023 Projected PM
EB Right Turns = 22

Right Turn Lane NOT
Warranted

* Or through volume only if a left-turn lane exists.

Queuing and Blocking Report Addendum

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Intersection: 9: Dollar General Driveway (Rear) & Middlebrook Pike

Movement	WB	NB
Directions Served	L	LR
Maximum Queue (ft)	40	77
Average Queue (ft)	7	30
95th Queue (ft)	29	62
Link Distance (ft)		188
Upstream Blk Time (%)		
Queuing Penalty (veh)		
Storage Bay Dist (ft)	75	
Storage Blk Time (%)		
Queuing Penalty (veh)		

Network Summary

Network wide Queuing Penalty: 0

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Intersection: 9: Dollar General Driveway (Rear) & Middlebrook Pike

Movement	EB	WB	NB
Directions Served	TR	L	LR
Maximum Queue (ft)	2	54	72
Average Queue (ft)	0	17	28
95th Queue (ft)	2	46	60
Link Distance (ft)	231		188
Upstream Blk Time (%)			
Queuing Penalty (veh)			
Storage Bay Dist (ft)		75	
Storage Blk Time (%)		0	
Queuing Penalty (veh)		0	

Network Summary

Network wide Queuing Penalty: 0