

X. WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT FACTORS

C. SUSTAINABILITY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1. TRAFFIC MITIGATION

Submit as Exhibit X. C.1. a description of the steps, plans and measures, including infrastructure improvements, to mitigate traffic flow and vehicle trips in the vicinity of the Gaming Facility.

Include a description of plans to use public or alternate transportation methods and transportation demand management.

The project will construct offsite roadway improvements to mitigate traffic flow and vehicle trips in the vicinity of the project. The offsite impact is limited due to the excellent regional access to the projects primary (NYC Metro) and secondary (New York's Hudson Valley) market areas. Located on the west side on NYS Route 208, a two-lane, State roadway classified as an urban minor arterial, the project site is just over a half a mile from NYS Route 17 (future I-86), a four-lane, controlled access State highway classified as an urban principal arterial expressway. Route 208 is connected to NYS Route 17 by a full movement interchange. NYS Route 17 connects to I-87, just 4 miles to the east, and to I-84, just 12 miles to the west. I-87 connects Route 17 with New York City, Newburg, Kingston and Albany. I-84 connects Route 17 with Waterbury, Danbury, Beacon, Newburg, Port Jervis and Scranton. NYS Route 17 connects the Site with Middletown and the western destination. It is estimated that almost 95% of traffic generated by the proposed development would approach or depart the facility from or to the south on Route 208,

The following offsite roadway improvements are anticipated to mitigate traffic flow and vehicle trips in the vicinity of the project:

At the Site's north driveway– Widen NYS Route 208 to provide a left-turn lane, construct the driveway to provide a left-turn lane and a right-turn lane, and install a traffic signal.

At the Site's south driveway– Widen NYS Route 208 to provide a left-turn lane, construct the driveway to provide a left-turn lane and a right-turn lane, and install a traffic signal.

At the intersection of Museum Village Road with NYS Route 208- Widen NYS Route 208 to provide a second through lane in both directions and install a traffic signal.

At the intersection of with NYS Route 208 with the Route 17 westbound ramps- Widen NYS Route 208 to provide opposing northbound and southbound left-turn lanes and modify the existing traffic signal.

At the intersection of with NYS Route 208 with the Route 17 eastbound ramps- Widen NYS Route 208 as well as the Route 17 eastbound ramp receiving lane to accommodate two southbound left-turn lanes, and modify the existing traffic signal.

While the access to the casino and hotel will be primarily by automobile via the excellent regional access, the Applicant will consider alternative transportation methods to further facilitate patron and employee access to the project. The Applicant will continue to pursue alternatives as employees are hired and the arrival patterns of patrons are experienced. The following alternative transportation methods will be evaluated on an ongoing basis as the project prepares to open and as the operation matures:

- Shuttle to Harriman Train Station (located less than 7 miles from the site)
- Shuttle to Woodberry Commons (located approximately 4 miles from the site)
- Shuttle to Newburgh area (mostly for employees)
- Work with bus companies to establish scheduledbusses to New York City or other surrounding locations. Many bus services are currently in place to serve Orange County for commuter service to the metropolitan area will serve as an established platform to develop service to the casino and hotel.

Transportation Demand Management, or TDM, is a general term for strategies that increase overall system efficiency by encouraging a shift from single-occupant vehicle trips and shifting auto trips out of peak periods. The operation of a casino inherently shifts traffic out of the peak commuter traffic periods since the casino peaks are counter-cyclical to peak commuter periods. The peak casino traffic is experienced in the evenings after 7 pm and on weekends. Also, the employees' work shifts are staggered throughout the day which avoids arrival and departure of employees in large numbers or during normal offsite peaks (such as would be experienced with an office or other high employment use).

The Applicant will encourage multi-occupant occupancy for patrons through marketing and by implementing the alternative transportation measures above, as appropriate. This will create an opportunity to reduce the number of automobile trips to the casino. The Applicant will implement programs with the employees to encourage ride sharing and van pool through the Human Resources department and access to 511NY Rideshare. 511NY Rideshare is a free service offered by the NYS Department of Transportation that matches people for potential carpools, vanpools and transit options. Using a growing database of thousands of travelers, they can help match people who have similar starting and destination locations and who have similar travel schedules. Onsite, ridesharing will be encouraged by offering patrons and employees preferred parking locations for multi-occupant cars.