

March 31, 2015

Mr. George Stock, PE Stock & Associates, Inc. 257 Chesterfield Business Parkway St. Louis, Missouri 63005

RE: Traffic Access Assessment

The Grove in Frontenac and Frontenac Square

Frontenac, Missouri

514-0045-0TE

Dear Mr. Stock:

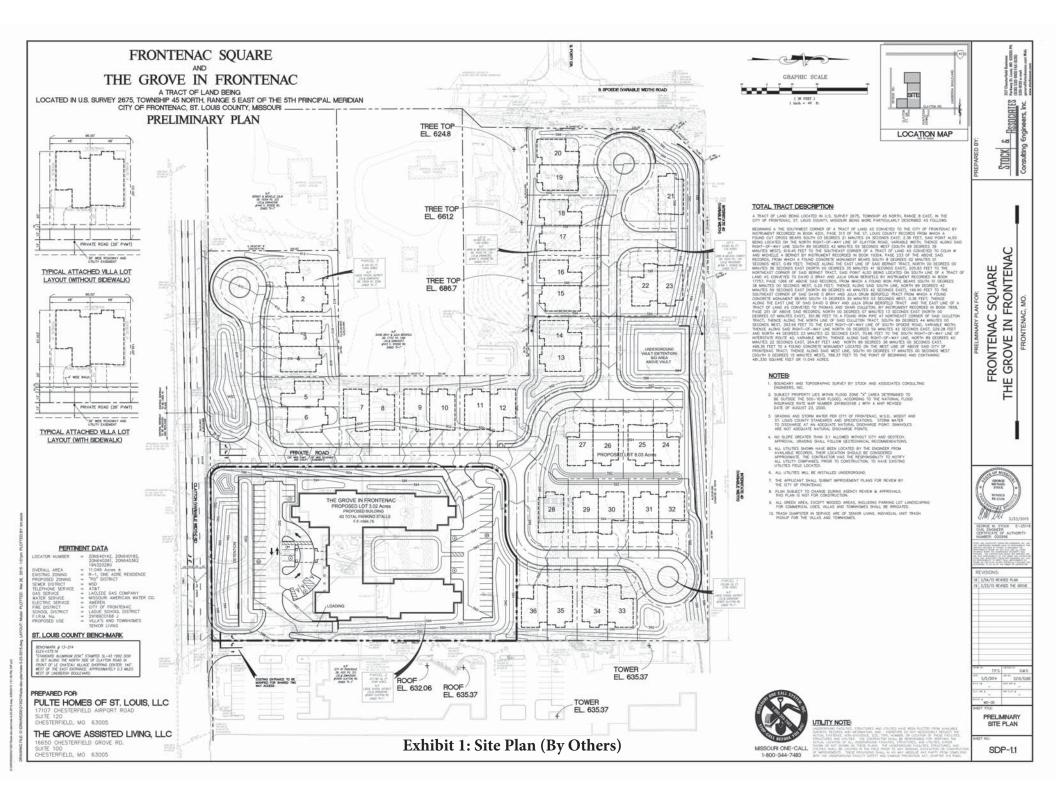
Lochmueller Group has completed the following traffic assessment for the proposed "The Grove in Frontenac" and "Frontenac Square" developments located in Frontenac, Missouri. The development site includes the former Ladue Early Childhood School (currently vacant) and adjoining single-family residences. The site is generally located in the northeast quadrant of Clayton Road and Spoede Road. The Grove proposes a 108-bed senior living facility and the Square proposes 36 residential villas. A preliminary site plan is shown in **Exhibit 1**.

Access to the site would be provided via a new main driveway on Clayton Road and a new connection to the adjacent Frontenac City Hall site, which would enable shared usage of City Hall's existing 'west' driveway onto Clayton Road. Access to the villas and the rear parking area for the Grove would be provided via the main driveway onto Clayton Road, whereas only the front parking area for the Grove would connect to the City Hall site. Hence, the shared-use and main driveways would <u>not</u> be connected internally through the site. The two existing site driveways would be removed.

The purpose of this assessment was to forecast the amount of traffic that would be generated by the proposed development, assess the relative impact of the site-generated traffic upon Clayton Road, and identify appropriate access configurations for the site.

Existing Roadway and Traffic Conditions

Clayton Road is a minor arterial maintained by the City of Frontenac. It has a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour (mph). Adjacent to the site, Clayton Road has two westbound lanes, one eastbound lane, and a dedicated eastbound left-turn lane into the existing entrance to the vacant Ladue Early Childhood School.





To quantify existing traffic volumes, machine traffic counts were conducted on Clayton Road adjoining the site on Thursday May 15, 2014. From the counts, weekday traffic volumes averaged 14,790 vehicles per day. The morning and afternoon peak hours of traffic occurred from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. and from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. as shown in **Chart 1**. Two-way traffic volumes amounted to approximately 1,070 vehicles during the morning peak hour and 1,450 during the afternoon peak hours.

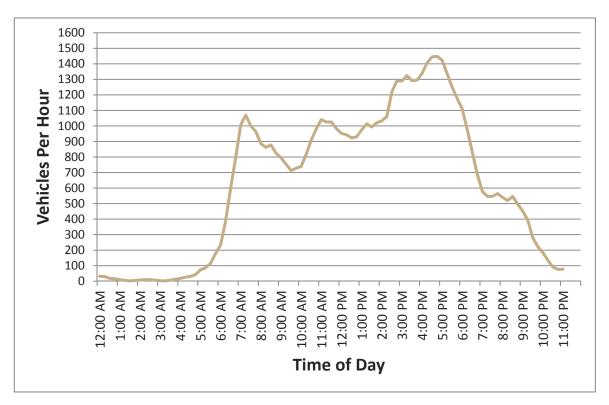


Chart 1: Weekday Traffic Volumes On Clayton Road

Trip Generation and Directional Distribution

The Grove would consist of a 108-bed senior living facility and the Square would include 36 residential villas. The number of trips that would be generated by the developments was forecasted based on information provided in the "Trip Generation Manual", Ninth Edition, published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).

This manual is a standard resource for transportation engineers and includes a compilation of nationwide studies documenting the trip generating characteristics of various land uses. Data for Assisted Living (ITE Land Use Code 254) was applied to the senior living facility and Residential Condominium/Townhouse (ITE Land Use Code 230) was applied to the Square. The resulting traffic projections for the proposed development is summarized in **Table 1**.



Table 1: Trip Generation Forecast

Use	Size	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
		In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total
Assisted Living	108 beds	13	7	20	15	16	31
Residential Villas	36 residences	2	14	16	13	6	19
Total		15	21	36	28	22	50

As summarized in **Table 3**, the proposed development would generate approximately 36 and 50 total trips during the morning and afternoon peak hours, respectively. This would amount to less than 1 trip per minute entering/exiting the site during the peak hours. Given this forecast, it stands to reason that the proposed development would almost certainly generate less traffic than the site's previous use – the Ladue Early Childhood School.

In total, the proposed development would increase peak hour traffic on Clayton Road by approximately 3 percent. Given that traffic volumes on a roadway can fluctuate as much as 5 to 10 percent on a daily basis, this increase would represent a nominal change in conditions on Clayton Road and would not noticeably impact traffic operations.

Proposed Access and Recommended Improvements

Access to the site is proposed via a new main driveway on Clayton Road and a new connection to the adjacent Frontenac City Hall site, which would enable shared usage of City Hall's existing 'west' driveway onto Clayton Road. The new driveway on Clayton Road would handle almost all of the site's traffic, as it would provide exclusive access to the residential villas and the rear parking area for The Grove.

Conversely, the cross access connection to Frontenac City Hall would only serve the front parking area of The Grove, which would primarily be used by visitors. Staff and residents would use the rear parking area, accessed via the site's main driveway. As a result, the anticipated increase in traffic using the 'west' driveway to City Hall as a result of the cross access connection would be minimal.

The site's main driveway on Clayton Road should provide separate left-turn and right-turn lanes exiting the site and one lane entering the site. Clayton Road at the main driveway should continue to have two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane for through traffic. In addition, a center two-way left-turn lane should be implemented to help facilitate left-turns into and out of the site. This lane could be accommodated with minimal or no pavement widening by removing the former eastbound left-turn lane into the Ladue Early Childhood School. In fact, the recommended cross-section on Clayton Road at the site's main driveway would mirror the section on Clayton Road in front of Frontenac City Hall.

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In order to accommodate shared usage, the Frontenac City Hall 'west' driveway would be converted from one-way entering to two-way traffic. Consequently, the driveway should be widened to provide at least one entering lane and one exiting lane. The existing cross-section on Clayton Road already provides a center left-turn lane at that location, so no modifications would be needed.

Conclusion

Lochmueller Group has completed the preceding traffic assessment for the proposed "The Grove in Frontenac" and "Frontenac Square" developments. The development site includes the former Ladue Early Childhood School (currently vacant) and adjoining single-family residences and is generally located in the northeast quadrant of Clayton Road and Spoede Road. The Grove proposes a 108-bed senior living facility and the Square proposes 36 residential villas.

The proposed development would generate approximately 36 and 50 total trips during the morning and afternoon peak hours, respectively. In total, the proposed development would increase peak hour traffic on Clayton Road by approximately 3 percent. This increase would represent a nominal change in conditions on Clayton Road and would not noticeably impact traffic operations.

The site's main driveway on Clayton Road should provide separate left-turn and right-turn lanes exiting the site and one lane entering the site. A center two-way left-turn lane should also be provided on Clayton Road at the site's main driveway to help facilitate left-turns into and out of the site. Frontenac City Hall's 'west' driveway would be converted from one-way entering to two-way traffic to accommodate cross access traffic to/from the proposed development.

It can be concluded that the proposed development would have a nominal impact upon traffic on Clayton Road and the proposed site access configuration would effectively serve entering and exiting traffic volumes. We trust that you will find this report useful in evaluating the traffic impacts associated with "The Grove in Frontenac" and "Frontenac Square". Please do not hesitate to contact me at (314) 621-3395 if you have any questions or comments regarding this information.

Sincerely,

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