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Hi Rachael,

I just wanted to send you an update on our follow up with those that commented on the FISH Warehouse Expansion project.

1. Russell E. Mau, Regional Engineer in the Office of Drinking Water commented "For the drinking water system, the City should evaluate capacity of the distribution system at this site and in the area(s) serving this area." I confirmed this was reviewed by city personnel in the pre-application process. Public Works submitted a comment on Dec 23, 2020 specifying water mains location and capacity and recognizing that "specific issues related to water service and meter location will be addressed at project civil submittal."
2. We spoke with Josh Fredrickson and Nicole Ogan regarding the Traffic Impact Analysis concurrency study need. With actual data from typical days of operation, and no change to that expected with the expansion of the warehouse, they confirmed that this project will not require additional traffic review. Josh told me Monday that Nicole was drafting a letter to this effect that should be sent to you by now.
3. Arden Thomas explained further about the new flood mapping that shows part of the site at risk of shallow flooding. As you are aware, this data is draft and for informational purposes only, but we are pleased to have all relevant information. This new draft layer will be overlaid with the site elevation data as soon as it is available. If any changes in warehouse site design are merited, this will be addressed in the permitting process.
4. We are incorporating jurisdictional review comments received to date into plan adjustments. Thus the permitting process will address all the other points made by Public Works (vehicle Parking and street access, paved aprons, engineered stormwater plans).

I plan to send letters of acknowledgement and our action in response to each commenter. Will you forward these, will they just go into the record, or should we send to each directly?

Best,  
Karen

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*~ The most dangerous worldview is the worldview of those who have not viewed the world. ~ Alexander von Humboldt*



## Community Food Bank Proposed Warehouse Expansion

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December 8, 2021

Dear Ms. Stevie,  
Attached to this letter are our responses to each of the commenters on our SEPA Application SE-21-00027 for the FISH Food Bank Warehouse Expansion. Thank you for forwarding the comments and entering them into the file for future record.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Mau,

We would like to acknowledge your comment on our SEPA Application SE-21-00027 for the FISH Food Bank Warehouse Expansion. You commented "For the drinking water system, the City should evaluate capacity of the distribution system at this site and in the area(s) serving this area." We confirm that the City of Ellensburg is aware of this project. The project was reviewed in the pre-application process and Public Works submitted a comment on Dec 23, 2020 specifying water mains locations and capacity and recognizing that "specific issues related to water service and meter location will be addressed at project civil submittal."

Thank you for your attention to this SEPA Environmental review.

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To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to acknowledge your comments on our SEPA Application SE-21-00027 for the FISH Food Bank Warehouse Expansion.

We spoke with Josh Fredrickson and Nicole Ogan regarding Traffic Impact Analysis. They performed a concurrency determination using the 10th edition Trip Generation Manual by ITE. The project is not expected to exceed additional allowable trip generations, therefore not requiring a TIA. They also determined that there is sufficient capacity on the serving roadways for project related traffic.

We spoke with Arden Thomas about the recent detailed flood study and mapping showing part of the site at risk of shallow flooding. While the data is currently in draft form and therefore for informational purposes only, we appreciate you providing this information in advance of the final approved FEMA map. We will overlay this layer with our site elevation data as soon as it is available. If any changes in warehouse site design are merited, this will be addressed in the permitting process.

We are incorporating jurisdictional review comments received to date into plan adjustments. Thus all the other points made in your comments will be addressed in the permitting process (vehicle Parking and street access, paved aprons, engineered stormwater plans).

Thank you for your attention to this SEPA Environmental review.

Sincerely,

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