

## TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT:** Black Diamond - Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Review Comments  
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This memorandum provides comments on Oakpointe's proposed amendments to the City of Black Diamond's Comprehensive Plan and supporting traffic analysis, dated March 1, 2021.

**Comment #1:** We concur with the trip redistribution described in Transpo Group's "Comprehensive Plan Amendment – SE Loop Connector Alternative" technical memo (March 1, 2021) to reflect the proposed SE Loop Connector Alternative.

**Comment #2:** The transportation analysis notes that a traffic signal and a northbound left-turn lane were identified in the *Lawson Hills Technical Transportation Report* (TTR), (Parametrix, 2009) as mitigation for impacts to the intersection of SR 169/Baker Street. Table 19 in the Lawson Hill TTR identifies only a signal as mitigation at the intersection of SR 169/Baker Street. In Table 17 of the *Ten Trails and Lawson Hills Master Planned Development Phase 1B Traffic Monitoring Report*, prepared by Transpo Group in September 2020, additional improvements at SR 169/Baker Street are identified, including an eastbound left-turn refuge lane and a northbound left-turn lane.

However, as the traffic memo refers specifically to "pertinent EIS findings," if a northbound left-turn lane is needed to mitigate impacts at SR 169/Baker Street under the proposed SE Loop Connector Alternative this would be an additional improvement beyond those identified in the EIS. We recommend the traffic memo be updated to reflect the northbound left-turn lane as an additional improvement.

**Comment #3:** The SE Loop Connector Alternative will create a new intersection with Lawson Street that was not evaluated as part of the EIS. We recommend the traffic memo be updated to show the forecasted level of service operations at this new intersection.

**Comment #4:** We concur with the proposed text and map changes proposed for the comprehensive plan.