

# TRAFFIC IMPACT MEMO

**Date:** March 8, 2021

Re: 1301 President Barack Obama Highway

Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Site Redevelopment - Traffic Impact Memo

This memo will discuss the proposed changes to 1301 President Barack Obama Highway in Riviera Beach, Florida as it relates to the surrounding transportation network, and has been prepared to document the proposed site's impact on nearby roadways. The redevelopment's trip generation does not exceed 500 new daily trips and thus does not warrant a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) per Palm Beach County guidelines.

### **EXISTING SITE INFORMATION**

The proposed site, located within the City of Riviera Beach, is a set of two lots totaling nine acres zoned as part of the General Industrial District (IG). The site currently includes an industrial building totaling approximately 33,000 square feet of area on the western lot; the eastern lot features a recently developed industrial building totaling 120,000 square feet. The western building is currently in use by Baron Sign as a manufacturing and administrative building. Together, the two lots feature five existing full-access driveways along W 13<sup>th</sup> Street to the south and President Barack Obama Highway to the east. Approximately 190 automobile parking stalls and 14 semi-truck loading docks are currently available onsite.

## TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

The site is located in the northwest quadrant at the intersection of President Barack Obama Highway & W 13<sup>th</sup> Street. President Barack Obama Highway runs north-south along the site's eastern frontage, extending through Riviera Beach north into Lake Park and south to West Palm Beach. W 13<sup>th</sup> Street is an east-west collector intersecting with Broadway Avenue (US 1) to the east, while meeting Australian Avenue and N Congress Avenue to the west. Pedestrian facilities are available in the form of sidewalks and crosswalks along all previously mentioned roadways. At-grade railroad crossings are present along several roads, including but not limited to President Barack Obama Highway and W Blue Heron Boulevard to the north, W 13<sup>th</sup> Street immediately east of the site and along Australian Avenue north of its intersection with W 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

President Barack Obama Highway is a 5-lane-undivided roadway with a two-way left turn lane and will likely serve a large portion of site traffic. Its intersection with W 13<sup>th</sup> Street is signalized. To the north, W Blue Heron Boulevard (SR 708), a 6-lane divided roadway, provides access to I-95 and will operate as another major route for site traffic. Alternate access to I-95 may be provided by way of 45<sup>th</sup> Street, a 4-lane divided road, to the south. Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard (SR 710) runs parallel to SR 708 and 45<sup>th</sup> Street to the south of the site, providing local access to the surrounding area before continuing west as the Beeline Highway into rural Palm Beach County.

W 13<sup>th</sup> Street runs along the site's southern frontage and will provide access to the site via multiple driveways. W 13<sup>th</sup> Street is a three-lane roadway with a two-way left turn lane, expanding to four-lane undivided to the east near Broadway Avenue and dropping to two-lane undivided past Australian Avenue. Australian Avenue is a 4-lane divided road that runs north-south to the west of the site and provides alternate access to SR 708 (and therefore I-95) and SR 710 for site traffic entering and exiting from driveways along W 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### PROPOSED SITE INFORMATION

A prospective tenant is pursuing a lease and proposing use of the site as a delivery station for an e-commerce retailer. The existing footprint of the site's eastern building will be occupied, with the neighboring building currently in use by Baron Sign to be demolished and replaced with surface parking. A conceptual plan is provided in Attachment A. Changes to the internal circulation of the site (e.g., restriping, paving and barrier erection) are proposed to accommodate the tenant's specific operations. The delivery station will occupy the newly constructed 120,000 square foot existing building and will allow for internal loading of delivery vehicles. The proposed site plan provides 111 automobile spaces and 334 van stalls. There are no proposed changes to existing driveway locations.

The proposed delivery station will operate 24/7 to support delivery of packages to customers between 10:00 AM and 9:00 PM. Approximately seven line-haul trucks are expected to deliver packages to the delivery station each day, primarily between the hours of 8:00 PM and 7:00 AM, after which the customers' packages are sorted, picked to delivery routes, placed onto movable racks and staged for dispatch. Approximately 28 employees and 15 managers support this operation. The site's primary shift is designed to run between 2:00 AM and 12:00 PM and helps to mitigate the site's traffic impact during rush hour periods. An additional 12 managers and dispatchers supervising the delivery operations arrive at 6:00 AM and depart at 2:30 PM, followed by another shift of dispatchers arriving at 1:30 PM and departing at 10:00 PM.

Delivery drivers arrive at the delivery station at 9:00 AM. Drivers park their personal vehicles onsite and pick up their assigned delivery vans. Starting at 9:50 and ending at 11:10 AM, 70 delivery vans will load and depart from the delivery station at a rate of roughly 18 vans every 20 minutes to facilitate a regulated traffic flow into the surrounding area. The first wave of delivery vans leaves at 10:10 AM. This departure window is designed to mitigate impact on peak periods of the surrounding transportation network. Approximately eight to ten hours after dispatch, delivery routes are completed, and the vans return to the station between 7:10 and 9:10 PM. The drivers park the delivery van onsite and leave using a personal vehicle.

# TRIP GENERATION COMPARISON

The trip generation for the site's existing uses as warehouse and light industrial facilities was estimated using the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) *Trip Generation Manual*, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition. Based on the size of the existing buildings onsite, the lots generate approximately 420 daily trips. Attachment B shows the calculated trip generation based on ITE methodology. The prospective tenant has developed a traffic schedule for this site based on their unique operations and key characteristics of the site. The proposed delivery station is estimated to generate 492 daily trips. An hourly breakdown of trip generation by vehicle type is provided in Attachment C. Table 1 below compares the daily and hourly trip generation of the site in both existing and proposed conditions. The prospective tenant intentionally schedules shifts to avoid local peak periods; Attachment C also shows beginning and end times of each shift as well as how many personnel are expected to correspond to each shift.

Based on the estimated trip generation shown on Page 3, the proposed site use is expected to generate 72 additional daily trips, 59 fewer AM peak hour trips and 28 fewer PM peak hour trips. Under the proposed use, the site will see an increase in daily trips, but a decrease in peak hour trips.

Table 1: Trip Generation Comparison

Land Use	Code	Project Density	Period	Total	Inbound	Outbound
Existing: Light		22 000	Daily	184	92	92
Industrial	110	33,000 square feet	AM	20	18	2
(Baron Sign)		1661	PM	17	2	15
Eviatio et		100.000	Daily	236	118	118
Existing: Warehousing	150	120,000 square feet	AM	40	31	9
Wateriousing		Square reet	PM	42	11	31
		153,000	Daily	420	210	210
Existing: Total	N/A	153,000 square feet	AM	60	49	11
		Square reet	PM	59	13	46
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Proposed: Delivery Station	User- Specified	17,600 packages/day	AM	1	1	0
Delivery Station	Specified	packages/ day	PM	31	21	11

#### TRIP DISTRIBUTION

The proposed site is part of a larger network of facilities that include sort centers, warehouses, and other delivery stations. Trip distribution varies depending on the type of vehicle. Trucks entering and exiting the site are bound for larger warehouses and sortation centers, primarily operating along freeways. Delivery vans have a specific delivery area with routes that fluctuate daily. Site employees entering and exiting the site are considered typical commuter trips. The distribution of delivery vans and employees in personal vehicles are considered identical as both involve residential land use as either the origin or destination of the trips.

A total of 14 daily truck trips are associated with the site. These trucks are expected to travel north of the site toward I-95 by way of W 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Australian Avenue and SR 708. Delivery vans and employee vehicles will travel in all directions of the site, with most traffic using President Barack Obama Highway, SR 708, and US 1. Some of these trips will utilize I-95, however most are expected to utilize local routes to service residential areas. Figure 1 shows the distribution of the proposed site for trucks and all other site traffic.

Figure 1: Proposed Site Trip Distribution

### SITE CIRCULATION

Five full-access driveways currently serve the site; no changes are proposed to site access. Four driveways are located along W 13<sup>th</sup> Street along the southern frontage of the site, with the final driveway situated on President Barack Obama Highway. Figure 2 shows the site plan overlaid onto existing aerial imagery. Driveway 1, located at the northeast corner of the site, and Driveway 2 are dedicated for site employees. Driveway 3 serves all truck traffic and leads to loading docks along the north of the site, while also being used as an exit for all delivery vehicles upon loading. Driveways 4 and 5 lead to surface lots to the west of site's main building and will serve delivery vehicles and their drivers. As noted in Attachment A by colored arrows, there are three circulation paths inside the site: site employees are shown in yellow, trucks in red and delivery vehicles in green.

The site plan shows designated circulation routes and parking areas for all vehicle types. While trucks and exiting delivery vans will utilize the same driveway, they are unlikely to interfere with each other as they enter and exit the site at different times of day. Trucks primarily access the site during the overnight hours, with delivery vans exiting in the late morning and returning in the evening. Parking and circulation of employees' personal vehicles are separated from other vehicle types.



Figure 2: Proposed Site Driveways

### TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The proposed site is scheduled to generate 1 trip during the AM peak hour and 31 trips during the PM peak hour. President Barack Obama Highway, SR 708 and US 1 will see the majority of these trips based on the trip distribution described. These roadways have at least four travel lanes near the site and are expected to perform adequately upon the addition of site traffic. Based on the distribution map in this document, turning site traffic trips are made at signalized intersections (other than entering and exiting the site itself). The most significant turning movement occurs along the eastbound approach at the signalized intersection of President Barack Obama Highway & W 13<sup>th</sup> Street, with 45% of site trips turning left or right – totaling only five vehicles during the PM peak hour. The proposed site is not expected to significantly impact the existing transportation network.

Attachment A: Conceptual Site Schematic Attachment B: Existing ITE Trip Generation

Attachment C: Proposed Trip Generation Worksheet

## APPENDIX A

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DISTURBED SITE AREA

AREA OF NEW OR REPLACED PAVEMEN

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LOT A: ±33,000 SF LOT B: ±8,350 SF

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# **APPENDIX B**

General Light Industrial (110)
Based upon methodology from ITE's Trip Generation, 10th Edition (2017)

			Project Trip	s				In/Out	t
Project Land Use	Project Density	Total	Inbound	Outbound	ITE Code	Variable	Equation Used <sup>1</sup>	Distribut	ion
General Light Industrial Daily AM Peak Hour PM Peak Hour	33,000 S.F.	184 20 17	92 18 2	92 2 15	110	1000 S.F.	T = 3.79(X)+57.96 LN(T) = 0.74LN (X)+ 0.39 LN(T) = 0.69LN(X)+0.43	88% 1	50% 12% 87%
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Warehousing (150)
Based upon methodology from ITE's Trip Generation, 10th Edition (2017)

			Project Trip	s				In/	Out
Project Land Use	<b>Project Density</b>	Total	Inbound		ITE Code	Variable	Equation Used <sup>1</sup>	Distril	oution
<b>Warehousing</b> Daily  AM Peak Hour  PM Peak Hour		236 40 42	118 31 11	118 9 31	150	1000 S.F	T = 1.58 (X) + 45.54 T = 0.12 (X) + 25.32 T = 0.12 (X) + 27.82	50% 77% 27%	50% 23% 73%
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TOTAL PROJECT TRIPS  Daily  AM Peak Hour  PM Peak Hour		236 40 42	118 31 11	118 9 31					

# APPENDIX C

# Riviera Beach, FL

		Autos			Trucks			Vans			Total	
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05:00	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
06:00	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
07:00	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
07:30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
08:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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09:00	35	0	35	1	0	1	0	0	0	36	0	36
10:00	35	0	35	0	1	1	0	63	63	35	64	99
11:00	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	7	2	7	9
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18:00	0	9	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	9	10
19:00	0	18	18	0	1	1	36	0	36	36	19	55
20:00	0	46	46	1	0	1	33	0	33	34	46	80
21:00	0	6	6	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	7	8
22:00	0	14	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	14	15
23:00	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	169	169	338	7	7	14	70	70	140	246	246	492

1st Shift:	2:00 AM	12:30 PM	43	Assoc.
2nd Shift:	6:00 AM	2:30 PM	12	Assoc.
3rd Shift:	1:30 PM	10:00 PM	12	Assoc.
PFSD Shift:	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	9	Assoc.
RTS Shift:	12:00 PM	10:30 PM	2	Assoc.
Drivers:	9:20 AM	9:10 PM	70	Drivers