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**From:** Randi Doveton (CDI: Planning)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 1:57 PM  
**To:** Anael Dominguez (CDI: Planning); Jennifer Rivera (Administration)  
**Subject:** FW: 4053 Cleveland Hwy

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**Subject:** Re: 4053 Cleveland Hwy

Hello All,

Staff's concern is accessibility of northbound SR11/US129 (Cleveland Hwy.) to the proposed site. I spoke to GDOT regarding this and they advised that the right-in/right-out driveways on Cleveland Highway and Jim Hood Road are currently required to not interfere with intersection operations. This current driveway configuration will necessitate a u-turn maneuver at the intersection or an illegal left turn off of Jim Hood Road for northbound traffic to enter the site. GDOT is open to two additional options to address this issue. One is to consider an RCUT median opening on SR11/US129 (Cleveland Hwy.) which will require studies and consideration by the Atlanta GDOT office, but required spacing is an issue. Two would be to consider a short left turn lane (but no decel lane due to adjacent property issues) on Jim Hood Road that would not affect the existing lanes or tapers for the intersection. This would require roadway widening, striping removal, replacement and GDOT approval. See the GDOT response below for details.

Thanks,

Scott

Scott G. Puckett

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Hey Scott,

Thanks for taking my call today. I understand the concerns and we're open to discuss options here. Thanks for being so communicative with us.

An RCUT here would be viewed as a median opening by GDOT and would have to be approved by our downtown office and we will require the developer to provide, at a minimum, an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE), and likely a traffic study as well.

Some of our initial concerns with the placement of a driveway further south on US 129 are median opening spacing and where the driveway would fall in the merge section.

A left turn in on Jim Hood may be feasible if we can be confident the left turns will neither back up traffic towards the signal nor reduce the existing eastbound left turn lane storage (whether through striping or actual queuing).

Please let us know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you,

**Parker Niebauer**

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Good afternoon Randi / All,

Hall County Engineering would defer to GDOT for the access as the development is off a state road. However, we would suggest allowing an r-cut that would allow a left-in to the site from Cleveland Highway. On the previous version of the plan (second attachment), they showed a driveway on the southern end of their development that could have accommodated this movement without impacting the NB left turn bay into Jim Hood. This is being offered as a suggestion to avoid u-turns on Cleveland Highway in order to access the site.

Please advise if there are any questions.

Respectfully,  
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Good Morning,

We received the attachment on Tuesday morning. Please provide comments back by Friday at noon. I was intending to ask that this be tabled to the 4-25-23 BOC meeting based on the site plan and GDOT comments from the applicant on 3-5-2023. I need your review before making a recommendation to the Board.

Regards,

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Good Morning,

Attached is the updated layout for your review and approval. I have also copied the civil engineer that has worked on this plan.

Thank you for your time.

Raj

On Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 4:19 PM Ellis Still (Planning) <[estill@hallcounty.org](mailto:estill@hallcounty.org)> wrote:

Hello Mr. Umani,

After review of your site plan and comments from GDOT, it has been determined that your site plan needs to reflect the changes that were recommended by GDOT. Your request will be held until the changes have been incorporated into your site plan. Let us know if we can assist you. Have a great day.

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