

**Table 1: Demographics – Race**

	Maryland		Prince George's County		Project Area	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White	3,391,308	64	216,729	27	10,593	63.77
Black/African-American	1,477,411	27.9	502,550	62.7	2,931	17.6
American Indian/Alaska Native	15,423	0.3	2,795	0.3	234	0.37
Asian	210,929	4	31,032	3.9	1,768	11.2
Native Hawaiian/OPI	2,303	0	447	0.1	10	0.07
Other	95,525	1.8	27,078	3.4	684	4.02

Source: <http://www.census.gov>, Census 2000

Project area = Census tracts 8069, 8073.1, 8074.04, and 8074.05

**Secondary and Cumulative Effects Analysis**

In assessing the potential for secondary and cumulative effects associated with this project, general development trends in the study area were researched, natural and cultural resources within the study area were inventoried, and other projects within the general vicinity which may contribute to any cumulative effects were evaluated. The Secondary and Cumulative Effects Analysis (SCEA) boundary reflects all parcels and subdivisions, which are either directly impacted by or immediately adjacent to the interchange improvements to the IAPA (Attachment 9).

The roundabout improvements are proposed to improve traffic patterns and handle existing traffic that is associated with the Ritchie Station Marketplace development. These improvements will provide for the marketplace development but do not add capacity for any additional development. In addition, because the western area in the vicinity of the proposed improvements is mostly built out, there is little potential for new development. The proposed improvements will be within the existing state right-of-way so no private land impacts are proposed. In addition, no access denials or changes are proposed to the existing roundabout area.

The Ritchie Station Marketplace site has generally been cleared and formerly was used for scattered residential and commercial purposes. Most properties within the SCEA area are presently zoned Industrial or Commercial Shopping Center for high-density retail and commercial uses.

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The proposed roundabout improvement within the existing interchange will provide improved access to the proposed Ritchie Station Marketplace, located just southwest of the interchange. The development has received approval from the Prince George's County Planning Board for the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision on February 5, 2005 and for the Detailed Site Plan on December 8, 2005. The approved development for the site consists of 1,000,000 square feet of retail space.

An environmental review indicated that there are few environmental resources within the project boundary. Within the confines of the Ritchie Station Marketplace property, a floodplain with intermittent wetlands runs through the southern portion of the property. This will remain undisturbed. Stormwater management will be provided in a pond to provide for both water quality and water quantity control in accordance with all current regulations to mitigate for the increase of impervious area from the overall project.

Because the proposed interchange improvement project and road widening project will not induce significant impacts to planned growth or land use for the area, and will not have a significant impact on any natural, cultural, recreational, historic or other resource, no significant secondary or cumulative impacts are anticipated.

**SCEA Conclusion:** Projected impacts on environmental resources as a result of anticipated future changes in land use are minimal, considering the built out state of the project area and the general lack of environmental resources on the Ritchie Station Marketplace site. Therefore, the proposed interchange improvements will likely have no secondary impacts. Direct impacts are also only minor and therefore, cumulative impacts are also expected to be minimal.

In sum, the proposed project will not involve any significant environmental impacts to socio-economic, natural or cultural resources. It will not induce significant foreseeable alterations in land use or affect planned growth. As such, we request your concurrence in


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classifying this project as a CE. If you agree with this determination, please indicate your approval below. Additionally, your signature below will constitute Location Approval for the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

by:

  
Raja Veeramachaneni, Director  
Office of Planning and  
Preliminary Engineering

We concur with your determination that this project meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion and hereby grant Location Approval.

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Federal Highway Administration  
Division Administrator

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Date

#### Attachments

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