



## GALLATIN COUNTY

**To:** Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group  
**From:** Warren J. Vaughan, County Planning  
**Date:** November 10, 2008  
**RE:** Things to Consider

At the last meeting, we talked about a number of topics that we should focus on more clearly:

- 1) **Size of the Core.** A number of people voiced (and have voiced in the past) concern that the core was simply too big. This has risen during a number of discussions and seems to be something of a hurdle. How do you want to address this? Does this need to be a separate agenda item for us to discuss and vote on?
- 2) **Improvements to Jackrabbit.** MDT intends to begin improving Jackrabbit Lane in 2009/2010. There are some significant contingencies, however: first, Congress needs to pass a new transportation bill that will fund projects, and second, there is discussion in Congress about using the bailout bill cash to help fund local infrastructure projects. Needless to say, this is out of our hands.
- 3) **Schools.** The original school building (4,320 square feet) was constructed in 1962, and includes four classrooms, two bathrooms, storage, a music room, and the library. The newer portion of the building (5,500 square feet) was constructed in 1996 and includes four classrooms, a special education room, and the lunchroom.

The School District recently passed a school bond for \$1.2 million. The bond will be used to construct 4 new classrooms. It is likely that two classrooms will initially be used for a multi-purpose room until classroom space is needed. Appendix \_\_ shows the facilities plan the bond will fund.

### *Amsterdam School - Staff*

The school is currently staffed by 10 teachers and five administrative employees. School board members have stated that housing in Churchill is an issue for staff.

*Amsterdam School - Students*

The school serves a kindergarten through sixth grade student body. The School Charter allows kindergarten through eight grades, though students in the seventh and eight grades attend Manhattan Schools instead of Amsterdam School to participate in the sports programs. With the recent failure of school bonds in Manhattan, it is unclear how Amsterdam School will be affected.

The school currently has 5 bus routes. The school contracts with Manhattan Christian for busing service, and currently students for both schools ride Manhattan Christian buses.

School enrollment has been varied over the past ten years, though the approval of the recent Amsterdam Village development could potentially double the number of students. The Amsterdam Village developer has offered to donate 8 acres of land to the school, as well as professional services in planning for and designing an expansion of school facilities. Additionally, the Amsterdam Village project will be required to donate an impact fee of \$1,000 per lot as the development built out.

Enrollment has been varied over the past decade, though the 2006/2007 school year showed a 25% increase in students from the year before. Table 1 shows school enrollment over the past decade:

• 1997/1998: 82 students
• 1998/1999: 88 students
• 1999/2000: 79 students
• 2000/2001: 71 students
• 2001/2002: 79 students
• 2002/2003: 75 students
• 2003/2004: 73 students
• 2004/2005: 71 students
• 2005/2006: 78 students
• 2006/2007: 98 students
• 2007/2008: 88 students

- 4) **Amsterdam Village Impact.** The recently approved Amsterdam Village development ((55,000 square feet of commercial space, 63 townhomes, 36 attached senior housing units, 317 single-family units, and a 36-room lodge/conference center) has submitted a traffic impact study to the County showing that the development will generate 5,712 average daily trips (ADT's).

Table 2 shows the trip generation summary for the Amsterdam Village development.

<b>Use</b>	<b>ADT</b>	<b>AM Peak Hourly Trips</b>	<b>PM Peak Hourly Trips</b>
Shopping Center	2362	57	206
Lodge/Conference Center	294	20	21
Single-Family Detached Housing	3034	238	320
Residential Condominium/Townhouses	369	28	33
Senior Adult Housing	125	3	4
Minus Internal Trips Captured	-472	-10	-44
<b>Total Trips</b>	<b>5712</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>540</b>

5) **General Traffic Counts.** The following are traffic counts throughout the AC area:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Average Daily Trips</b>
1993	973
1994	1159
1995	1056
1996	1102
1997	1268
1998	1255
1999	1333
2000	No Data
2001	1402
2002	1423
2003	1453
2004	1508

**Table 3:** Historic Traffic Counts on **Churchill Road.** Counts taken between intersection with I-90 and intersection with Amsterdam Road.

Year	Total Average Daily Trips
1993	599
1994	755
1995	603
1996	828
1997	786
1998	717
1999	834
2000	No Data
2001	854
2002	854
2003	864
2004	1177

**Table 4:** Historic Traffic Counts on **Churchill Road** (taken by MDT). Counts taken between intersection with Amsterdam Road and intersection with Norris Road.

Road	From	To	Location	ADT
Amsterdam Road	Sep 24, 2001	Sep 27, 2001	550' west of Churchill Road	1357
Amsterdam Road	Sep 21, 2004	Sep 24, 2004	200' east of Linney Road	3062
Amsterdam Road	Sep 21, 2004	Sep 24, 2004	200' east of Highline Road	1605
Amsterdam Road	Sep 21, 2004	Sep 24, 2004	550' east of Thorpe Road	13,349*

**Table 5:** Historic Traffic Counts on **Amsteram Road** (taken by County Road Dept).