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Update to Traffic Count Guidelines due to COVID-19

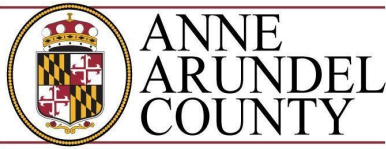
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The information contained in this Green Notice reflects the reopening of Anne Arundel County Public Schools and will supersede Blue Notice IP-20-16.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MBIA, Review Agencies, and the General Public

FROM: Steve Kaii-Ziegler, AICP, Planning and Zoning Officer *SKZ*

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DATE: September 21, 2021

Background

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Study Parameters

Anne Arundel County Public Schools are opening at full capacity beginning September 9, 2021; therefore, traffic counts may be conducted and submitted without inflation. The following guidelines will apply:

1. If public schools countywide change to an all-virtual or hybrid schedule, counts will be suspended.
2. Applicants must note whether any County schools are closed or attendance modified due to COVID on the day of the count, and whether those schools impact the facilities being counted. At the County's discretion, counts may be rejected if nearby schools are not functioning at full capacity. It is this office's understanding that these closures will be posted on the Anne Arundel County Public Schools website; a printout of the relevant page should be included with the count information.

Applicants are advised that counts taken during this time may not be allowed to be reused for other studies (with or without inflation). Further guidance will follow when future traffic patterns can be evaluated in more detail.

The Office of Planning and Zoning understands the pandemic situation may evolve in the future. We continue to review the changing conditions and will update the guidance periodically as needed. Please contact Sarah E. Fowler, P.E. at pzfowl22@aacounty.org for additional information.