

Hazardous Walking Conditions

2025 Annual Site Review in Accordance with Section 1006.23 FS



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Hazardous Walking Condition Site Review Checklist and Backup Documentation

Hazardous Walking Site Review Checklist

(To assist in determining eligibility for school transportation based on hazardous walking conditions, in accordance with section 1006.23, Florida Statutes)

Walkways Parallel To The Road

- | <u>YES</u> | | <u>NO</u> | |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|--|
| ☐ | N/A | ☐ | 1. Is the location in a residential area with little or no traffic? Is the location in a residential area and on a road or street that is not used as a major artery or cut-through? |
| ☐ | N/A | ☐ | 2. Is the location on a road where the traffic volume is fewer than 180 vehicles per direction per hour at 6 - 9 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.? |
| ☐ | N/A | ☐ | 3. Is the area located in a residential area and on a road that has a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less? |

*** If the answer to 1, 2 or 3 is "YES," the area does not qualify as a hazardous walking location.**

*** If the answers to 1, 2 and 3 are all "NO," continue to next question.**

If the posted speed limit is less than 50 mph:

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| ☐ | N/A | ☐ | 4. Is there an area at least four feet wide with a "surface upon which students may walk" that prevents the students from having to walk on the road? |
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***Note:** The surface does not have to be a sidewalk, but may be simply a surface upon which the students may walk. Weeds, tall grass or flooding may be temporary maintenance problems that do not constitute a hazardous walking area. A walking surface does not include drainage ditches, sluiceways, swales or channels. A paved area contiguous with the paved roadway or extended shoulder (also known as a "breakdown lane"), with no separation from the driving area or raised curb, is not a walkway.*

If the posted speed limit is 50 mph or greater:

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|---|
| ☐ | N/A | ☐ | 5. Is the road uncurbed with a four-foot wide walking surface (as defined in #4) separated from the road by an additional three or more feet? |
| ☐ | N/A | ☐ | 6. Is the road curbed with at least a four-foot wide walking surface (as defined in #4)? |

*** If the answer to 4, 5 or 6 is "YES," the area does not qualify as a hazardous walking surface.**

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Walkways Crossing Over The Road
(When students must cross the road)

A. For an “uncontrolled crossing site” (no crossing guard, traffic enforcement officer, stop sign or other traffic control signal present during student walk times):

YES

NO

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1. Does the traffic volume exceed 360 vehicles per direction, per hour (either direction, including all lanes in each direction)?

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2. Does the road have a posted speed limit of 50 MPH or greater?

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3. Does the road have six or more lanes (not including turning lanes)?

*** If the answers to all of the above questions are “NO,” the area does not qualify as a hazardous walking surface.**

*** If the answer to any of the above questions is “YES,” the area would qualify as a hazardous walking surface.**

B. For an intersection or crossing site controlled by a stop sign or other traffic control signal, without crossing guards or traffic enforcement officers during the times students must walk:

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4. Does the total traffic volume (total in both directions) exceed 4,000 vehicles per hour?

*** If the answer is “NO,” the area does not qualify as a hazardous walking surface.**

C. Any intersection or other crossing site with a crossing guard or other traffic enforcement officer does not qualify as a hazardous walking location, regardless of the posted speed limit.

D. Comments/Notes/Diagrams:

See the accompanying maps, diagrams, and field photos for additional details regarding this condition.

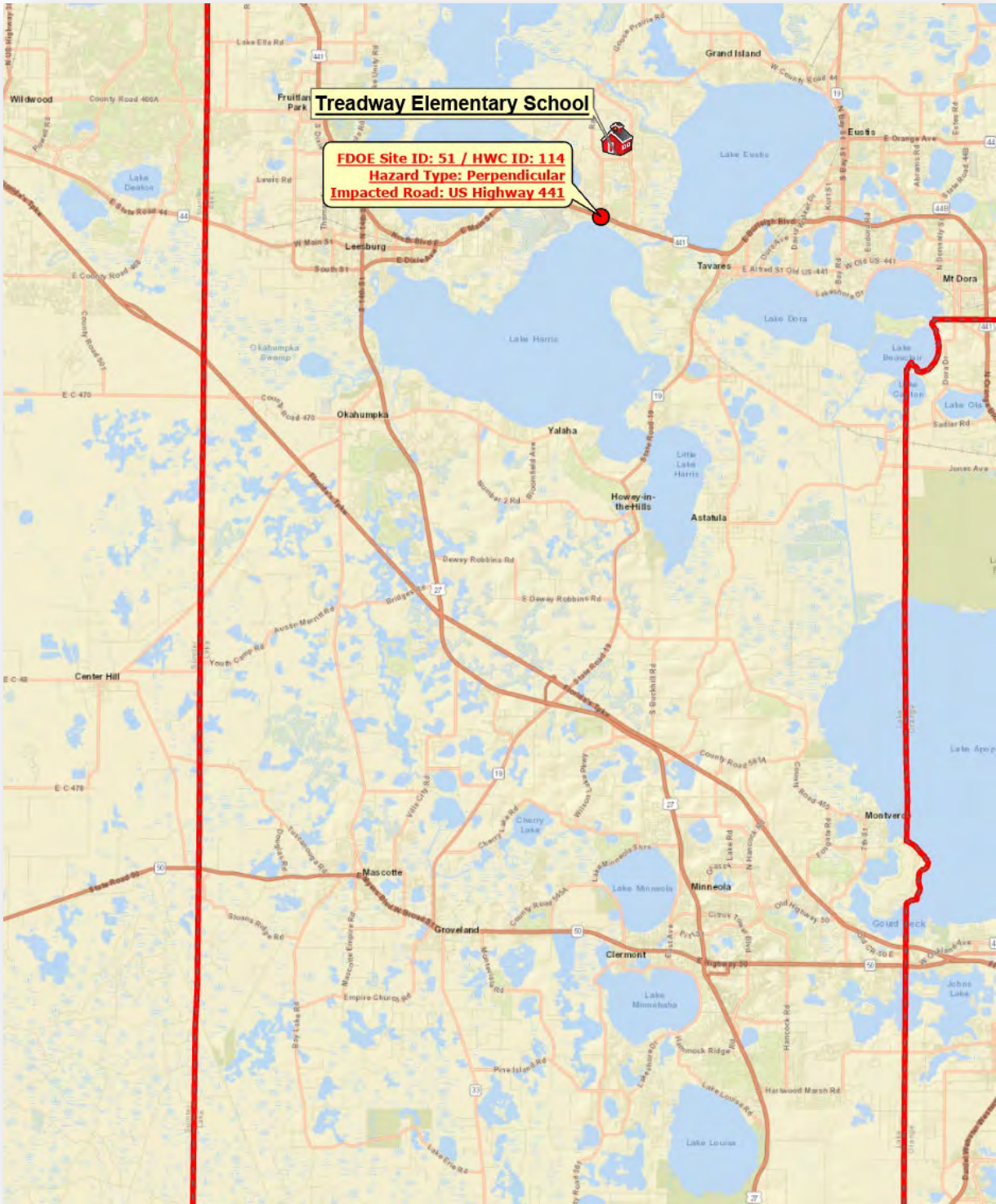
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Hazardous Walking Site Authorization and Signature Verification

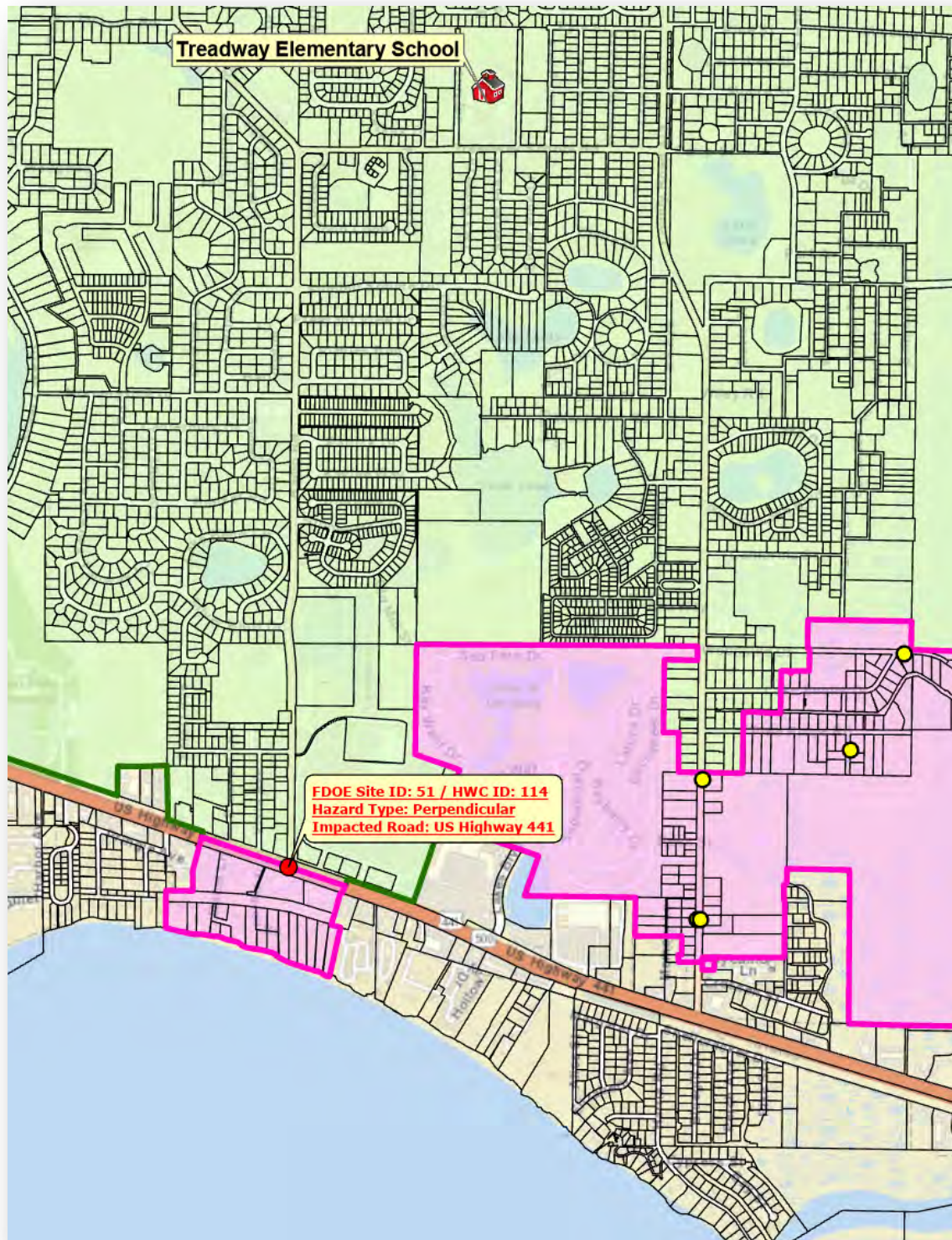
School District: <u>Lake</u>	Site Review Date: <u>May 29, 2025</u>
Hazard Location: <u>US Highway 441 (@ adjacent to Lake Square Mall area)</u>	
Hazard Location is: ☐ Parallel to the road	Traffic Count: <u>4,050 vph @ 4:30 pm</u>
☐ Crossing over the road	Traffic Count: _____
Hazard Jurisdiction: ☒ Municipal (Identify: <u>City of Leesburg</u>) ☐ County ☒ State	
Has a letter of determination been requested from the jurisdiction to indicate a correction date? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Permanent Hazard? ☒ Yes ☐ No If no, anticipated correction date: _____	
School District Representative: <u>Heather Hamilton</u> Title: <u>GIS Specialist</u>	
Print Name	Signature
Email: <u>hamiltonh@lake.k12.fl.us</u>	Phone: <u>352.253.6695</u>
Roadway Jurisdiction Representative: <u>Benjamin M. Hargis, PE</u>	
Print Name	Signature
Agency/Entity: <u>Florida Department of Transportation - Traffic Safety Specialist - Consultant</u>	
Email: <u>Ben.Hargis@dot.state.fl.us</u>	Phone: <u>386-943-5254</u>
Law Enforcement Representative: <u>Jeff DeSantis</u>	
Print Name	Signature
Agency/Entity: <u>City of Leesburg - Police Department</u> Title: <u>Traffic Sergeant</u>	
Email: <u>john.sommersdorf@leesburgflorida.org</u>	Phone: <u>352.728.9860</u>
Metropolitan Planning Organization Representative: <u>Michael F. Woods</u>	
(If applicable)	Signature
Agency/Entity: <u>Lake-Sumter MPO</u> Title: <u>Executive Director</u>	
Email: <u>Michael.Woods@lakesumtermpo.com</u>	Phone: <u>352.315.0170 Ext. 2</u>

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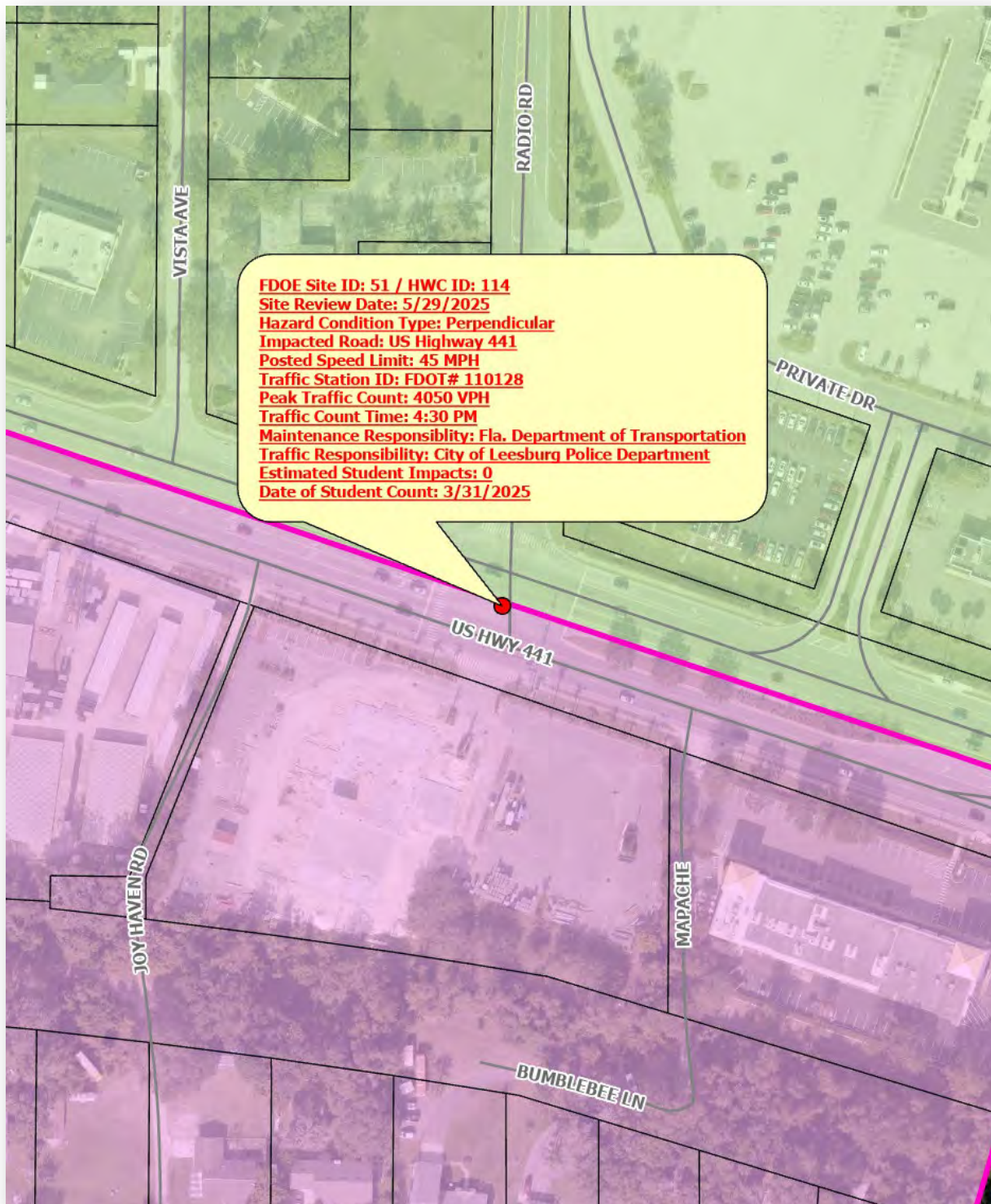
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General Overview – Impact Zone



Detailed Hazardous Condition View



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Annual Traffic Count Report – FDOT – Station #: 110128

COUNTY: 11
 STATION: 0128
 DESCRIPTION: ON SR-500 (US-441), 0.78 MI. E OF CR-473 (RVL)
 START DATE: 05/03/2022
 START TIME: 1200

TIME	DIRECTION: E					DIRECTION: W					COMBINED TOTAL	
	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL		
0000	30	24	21	17	92	31	34	22	17	104	196	
0100	11	6	20	19	56	17	22	27	13	79	135	
0200	10	15	11	25	61	14	14	21	16	65	126	
0300	17	28	22	24	91	13	16	20	11	60	151	
0400	34	23	53	56	166	23	29	34	42	128	294	
0500	84	102	136	162	484	58	77	103	116	354	838	
0600	167	236	330	311	1044	179	221	202	275	877	1921	
0700	408	417	490	468	1783	357	455	432	398	1642	3425	
0800	422	400	389	385	1596	389	410	417	335	1551	3147	
0900	318	316	322	304	1260	334	361	389	354	1438	2698	
1000	318	360	282	356	1316	297	299	359	348	1303	2619	
1100	346	307	381	339	1373	372	396	358	386	1512	2885	
1200	339	375	379	385	1478	364	362	370	355	1451	2929	
1300	361	351	409	402	1523	381	400	380	317	1478	3001	
1400	382	399	407	375	1563	420	397	417	414	1648	3211	
1500	410	424	451	424	1709	403	466	405	479	1753	3462	
1600	431	459	464	496	1850	462	444	497	480	1883	3733	
1700	498	551	486	406	1941	560	504	462	409	1935	3876	
1800	359	366	288	236	1249	327	335	310	269	1241	2490	
1900	269	243	227	196	935	252	250	230	217	949	1884	
2000	167	155	173	148	643	229	197	177	160	763	1406	
2100	132	119	102	75	428	149	148	120	99	516	944	
2200	76	73	68	56	273	93	92	79	55	319	592	
2300	60	49	38	33	180	59	58	46	32	195	375	
24-HOUR TOTALS:					23094						23244	46338

DIRECTION: E			DIRECTION: W			COMBINED DIRECTIONS		
HOUR	VOLUME		HOUR	VOLUME		HOUR	VOLUME	
A.M.	715	1797	715	1674		715	3471	
P.M.	1645	2031	1630	2041		1630	4050	
DAILY	1645	2031	1630	2041		1630	4050	

Peak Hourly Traffic Volume: 4,050 vph occurred at 4:30 pm