

SUBCHAPTER 11 TRAFFIC IMPACT

7:45-11.1 Review of major projects for traffic impact

The Commission shall review major projects in Zone A of the Review Zone, or major projects in Zone B of the Review Zone that are within one mile of any portion of the Park and have direct access to a road that enters Zone A, for their traffic impact on roads that enter the Park or any part of Zone A. The applicant shall submit a traffic impact study that shows the amount of additional traffic generated by the project and the directions in which this traffic will move. If the Commission determines that the additional traffic will have an adverse impact on the Park, the applicant shall use any feasible planning techniques that will direct any additional traffic away from the Park. If the Commission is satisfied that there are no feasible planning techniques other than as set forth in the project proposal that can direct any additional traffic away from the Park, the project shall be approved for traffic impact review.

7:45-11.2 Review of road construction, road improvements, and new traffic loads

- (a) The Commission shall not approve projects that include new vehicular crossings of the Canal unless the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Commission that the project conforms with the following goals:
1. A new interstate or similar major road crossing shall relieve congestion on existing local vehicular crossings;
 2. Any new local vehicular crossing shall be accompanied by the elimination of an existing local vehicular crossing;
 3. The materials, colors, size, and design of the vehicular crossing shall be compatible with the Park;
 4. Recreational access to the Park and recreational continuity within the Park shall not be adversely impacted by new crossings;
 5. Noise retardation measures shall be utilized wherever appropriate; and
 6. Connections between new vehicular crossing roads and existing or new parallel roads shall not increase traffic flow on the parallel roads.
- (b) Proposals for new or improved roads in Zone A and Zone B of the Review Zone that are within one mile of any portion of the Park that will substantially increase vehicular traffic to roads adjacent to the Canal will not be approved unless the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commission that:
1. Recreational access to the Park and recreational use of the Park are not impeded;
 2. Historic features of the Park are not adversely impacted;
 3. The ecological character of the Park is not adversely impacted; and
 4. The increased traffic will not have a visual or noise impact on the Park.

