

# **APPENDIX F**

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GREGORY J. ROSINE, DIRECTOR

September 25, 2001

Mr. Marc Start  
URS Corporation  
3950 Sparks Dr. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**Re:** Proposed Gun Lake Casino; M-179 at US-131; Allegan County.

Mr. Start:

We have completed our plan and field review of the subject development and have arrived at the following conclusions:

1. The southbound US-131 off ramp, the intersection of M-179 and 12<sup>th</sup> St., and the southbound US-131 on ramp will remain as they are. No changes will be required.
2. The northbound US-131 off ramp will require the addition of a right turn lane to eastbound M-179.
3. Westbound M-179 at the northbound US-131 on ramp will require a right turn lane onto the ramp.
4. A continuous center left turn lane on M-179, encompassing all casino access points, and right turn tapers into each casino driveway.
5. Shift the proposed west drive approximately 475' to the east.

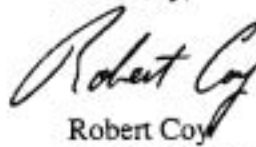
The above will be required of the finished product. However, several obstacles arise which may influence the specific design of the roadway improvements.

1. The proximity of the existing rail road crossing may not allow enough distance to develop proper taper lengths to allow inclusion of the proposed east drive.

2. Existing side conditions along M-179 are such that developing a three lane section may dictate extraordinary means to perpetuate drainage and to provide safe acceptable slope conditions.
3. The limited amount of right of way on the south side of M-179, the poor drainage conditions, and existing utilities may make it difficult to expand the roadway to the south.

We feel that these improvements will provide adequate service to the proposed casino as well as existing and future area traffic. We recommend that you review this information with your client and contact us as soon as possible to schedule a meeting to further explore the options available to construct this project. If you have any questions please contact me at (616) 337-3926. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Robert Coy  
Region Permit Agent

CC: S. Serdel  
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October 26, 2001

Mr. D. K. Sprague, Chairman  
Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish  
Band of Pottawatomi Indians  
Gun Lake Tribe  
PO Box 218  
Dorr, MI 49323

**Re:** Proposed Casino, M-179, Allegan Co.

Mr. Sprague:

As per our meeting of 10/24/01, this letter is to confirm that the MDOT approves your concept plans dated 10/12/01 for driveways and roadway improvements for the subject development. Another meeting will be necessary to finalize construction details with your consultants. Once detailed plans have been developed please submit 3 copies to this office for review. At that time we will send you the permit application package for completion. If you have any questions please contact me at (616) 337-3926. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robert Coy'.

Robert Coy  
Region Permit Agent

CC: Marc Start - URS Corp.  
Jack Barr - Nederveld Assoc.  
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February 12, 2002

Mr. D. K. Sprague, Chairman  
Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish  
Band of Pottawatomi Indians  
Gun Lake Tribe  
PO Box 218  
Dorr, MI 49323

Re: Proposed Casino, M-179, Allegan Co.

Mr. Sprague:

We have completed our review of the traffic impact study for the subject development as prepared for you by URS Corporation. We find the methods and data acceptable for this project. The recommendations of the report are also acceptable to the department with one minor exception. That being that the report calls for "a continuous and exclusive eastbound-to-northbound left-turn lane...". We feel that a bi-directional continuous left turn lane would better serve this corridor. This information has been conveyed to URS by telephone conversation and agreed upon.

With that modification we are approving this traffic impact study and it's included recommendations for implementation on the M-179 roadway.

If you have any questions please contact me at (616) 337-3926. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Coy  
Region Permit Agent

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