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| 2 | STATE OF NEW JERSEY |
| 3 | In Re: APPLE VIEW 7009-7101 RIVER ROAD |
| 4 | NORTH BERGEN, NEW JERSEY 07047 CASE NO. 4-10 |
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| 6 | Applicant. |
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| 8 | November 17, 2010 7:40 p.m. |
| 9 | BEFORE: |
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| 11 | THE NORTH BERGEN PLANNING BOARD |
| 12 | PRESENT: |
| 13 | HARRY D. MAYO, III, Chairman |
| 14 | RICHARD LOCRICCHIO, Member SEBASTIAN ARNONE, Member |
| 15 | REHAB AWADALLAH, Alternate Member MANUEL FERNANDEZ, Alternate Member |
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| 17 | GITTLEMAN, MUHLSTOCK & CHEWCASKIE, ESQS. |
| 18 | Attorneys for the Planning Board BY: Steven Muhlstock, Esq. |
| 19 | Geraldine Baker, Board Clerk |
| 20 | Jill Hartmann, Board Planner Derek McGrath, Board Engineer |
| 21 | Reported by: |
| 22 | CELESTE A. GALBO, CCR, RPR, RMF |
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| 1 | 11-17-10 Appleview A P P E A R A N C E S: |
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| 1 | THE CHAIRMAN: Meeting is called to |
| 2 | order. My apologies for the delay, folks |
| 3 | unfortunately I got delayed. Page 2 |

| 4 | Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings | | | | |
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| 5 | Act please be advised that notice of this meeting | | | | |
| 6 | was faxed to the "Journal/Dispatch" and "Bergen | | | | |
| 7 | Record" on November 3rd, 2010 advising that the | | | | |
| 8 | North Bergen Planning Board would hold a special | | | | |
| 9 | meeting on November 17th, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the | | | | |
| 10 | chambers of the municipal building located at | | | | |
| 11 | 4233 Kennedy Boulevard, North Bergen, New Jersey. | | | | |
| 12 | Board members, attorneys and applicants were | | | | |
| 13 | mailed notices on that date and a copy of this | | | | |
| 14 | notice was posted on the bulletin board in the | | | | |
| 15 | lobby of the municipal building for public | | | | |
| 16 | inspection. | | | | |
| 17 | Gerry, please call the role. | | | | |
| 18 | (Whereupon roll call is taken and | | | | |
| 19 | Vice Chairman George Ahto, Jr. and Members Robert | | | | |
| 20 | Baselice, Steven Somick and Patricia Bartoli are | | | | |
| 21 | absent.) | | | | |
| 22 | THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Case No. | | | | |
| 23 | 4-10, 7009 to 7101 River Road. | | | | |
| 24 | MR. ALAMPI: Thank you. Chairman, | | | | |
| 25 | Carmine Alampi for the applicant, Apple View, | | | | |
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| 2 | Chairman, I received a letter | | | | |
| 3 | yesterday as the board did from Mr. Lamb | | | | |
| 4 | indicating a problem with December 16th. He will | | | | |
| 5 | not be available. We had indicated that we would | | | | |

| 6 | 11-17-10 Appleview have this special meeting tonight and the next | | | |
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| 7 | meeting reserved for us December 16th. In | | | |
| 8 | reviewing his availability mine and my witnesses | | | |
| 9 | we can be available for December 21. I believe | | | |
| 10 | that's a Tuesday night. | | | |
| 11 | THE CHAIRMAN: I will not be here. | | | |
| 12 | MR. ALAMPI: It's possible are | | | |
| 13 | you away that week? | | | |
| 14 | THE CHAIRMAN: I'm away the | | | |
| 15 | entire yeah, back end of December. | | | |
| 16 | MR. ALAMPI: I have several | | | |
| 17 | conflicts on Wednesday the 15th, Tuesday the 14th | | | |
| 18 | I guess I could make myself available. This will | | | |
| 19 | throw my schedule off but we'd like to conclude | | | |
| 20 | this by year end if it's possible. I think Mr. | | | |
| 21 | McGrath indicated he could not be here the 14th, | | | |
| 22 | he'd have to send a surrogate from his office. | | | |
| 23 | THE CHAIRMAN: And I cannot be here | | | |
| 24 | on the 14th either. Now, we could do | | | |
| 25 | MR. ALAMPI: December 2nd? | | | |
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| 1 | THE CLERK: No, Winterfest, no good. | | | |
| 2 | (Discussion off the record.) | | | |
| 3 | MR. ALAMPI: I know Mr. Lamb more | | | |
| 4 | than 30 years, we're professional associates and | | | |
| 5 | have the highest regard for each other. I have | | | |
| 6 | no doubt that he's out of state and that he's not | | | |
| 7 | available. I don't think it's a charade, but I | | | |
| 8 | can't allow this development application to go on Page 4 | | | |

| 9 | month after month and I do appreciate the board's | | | |
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| 10 | value time. These are special meetings an | | | |
| 11 | expense to the applicant and their volunteerism | | | |
| 12 | as well as Mr. Lamb's busy schedule and my own. | | | |
| 13 | But we just discussed pushing this | | | |
| 14 | out to the following week and of there were | | | |
| 15 | several dates none of which are acceptable | | | |
| 16 | because, chairman, you're away and then pushing | | | |
| 17 | it back or pushing it earlier doesn't work as | | | |
| 18 | well. And I would hate to see this linger into | | | |
| 19 | January because of Mr. Lamb's dilemma, and I am | | | |
| 20 | happy to accommodate him, I'm willing to | | | |
| 21 | accommodate him, and I plan to do that but not at | | | |
| 22 | the cost of losing the hearing date all together | | | |
| 23 | in December. Perhaps, John will comment on it. | | | |
| 24 | MR. LAMB: Good evening, | | | |
| 25 | Mr. Chairman and members of the board, John J. | | | |
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1 Lamb from the law firm of Beattie Padavano. I 2 sent a letter actually before this meeting when I 3 realized I had neglected to diary that, I am out 4 of the state the two Thursdays before Christmas, 5 I will be out of the state this year, I will be 6 out of the state next year, and I will be out of 7 state the year after that. 8 I tried to give a you number of

dates. You, the chairman and the board will recall that we had this problem with Veteran's

| 12 | that the hearing before that we decided that that | | | |
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| 13 | second date was no good. I can tell you almost | | | |
| 14 | categorically that the chances of finishing this | | | |
| 15 | application at the next meeting are in my opinion | | | |
| 16 | slim to none. That doesn't mean that we can't | | | |
| 17 | try to set up a date in December, but I don't | | | |
| 18 | believe that we're going to be concluded at that | | | |
| 19 | point. | | | |
| 20 | I appreciate that you certainly | | | |
| 21 | the chairman's schedule, I know that's a busy | | | |
| 22 | time. Mr. Alampi and I did check and we were | | | |
| 23 | available on the three dates that he gave, and I | | | |
| 24 | understand other people may not be available. | | | |
| 25 | But I mean | | | |
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| 1 | THE CHAIRMAN: You said the 15th | | | |
| 2 | you're not available? | | | |
| 3 | MR. ALAMPI: Not on the 15th. | | | |
| 4 | MR. LAMB: I mean, I'm available the | | | |
| 5 | 14th and the 15th. And then the following week I | | | |
| 6 | gave my availability in the letter. | | | |
| 7 | MR. ALAMPI: Well, chairman, you'll | | | |
| 8 | have to call it. I don't want to belabor the | | | |
| 9 | point, I just made my comments. I appreciate | | | |
| 10 | everybody's problem. | | | |
| 11 | THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lamb, can you | | | |
| 12 | make someone else from your office available? | | | |

MR. LAMB: I'm the only person that Page 6

11-17-10 Appleview Day that we set a date, even before we got to

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| 14 | was authorized to do this. If you notice I don't | | | |
| 15 | have Mr. Steinhagen with me, it's only me and for | | | |
| 16 | me to try to get somebody up to speed after a | | | |
| 17 | number of meetings is virtually impossible. | | | |
| 18 | (Discussion off the record.) | | | |
| 19 | THE CHAIRMAN: Is the 7th okay? | | | |
| 20 | MR. ALAMPI: December 7th, perfect | | | |
| 21 | it's my birthday I'll be happy to do that. | | | |
| 22 | MR. LAMB: I do have a meeting but | | | |
| 23 | that's one I can get out of. | | | |
| 24 | THE CHAIRMAN: The board has a short | | | |
| 25 | meeting that night but you'll be on after that | | | |
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short meeting.

2 MR. ALAMPI: Thank you, chairman.

3 MR. LAMB: Mr. Chairman, I just want

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4 to note well have our planner Peter Steck

5 available but I don't know whether he's available

6 on December 7th. I don't know if we're even

7 going to be up to him. I do have his schedule

for January and February in case we're looking

9 ahead.

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10 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

11 MR. MUHLSTOCK: The 16th is off.

12 Celeste, the 16th is off and the applicant will

appear at the regular meeting, that's a regular

14 meeting so it's not even --

15 THE CHAIRMAN: He's going to appear

| 16 | 11-17-10 Appleview in a separate meeting following the regular | | | |
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| 17 | meeting. | | | |
| 18 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: It's going to be | | | |
| 19 | added to the regular meeting. The board only has | | | |
| 20 | one other application that evening which is not a | | | |
| 21 | complicated application, it should be enough | | | |
| 22 | time. | | | |
| 23 | MR. ALAMPI: Okay. Thank you for | | | |
| 24 | the accommodation. So we'll be here December | | | |
| 25 | 7th. | | | |
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| 1 | THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. | | | |
| 2 | MR. ALAMPI: Thank you, chairman. | | | |
| 3 | Chairman, we promised to recall Lisa | | | |
| 4 | Mahle-Greco, the geotechnical strictly for the | | | |
| 5 | continuation of the public's questioning of this | | | |
| 6 | witness and then we'll proceed, we have our | | | |
| 7 | traffic consultant and planning consultant this | | | |
| 8 | evening. | | | |
| 9 | I do understand the general public's | | | |
| 10 | comments about the pipeline and such and went | | | |
| 11 | into great repetitive concern, I would just ask | | | |
| 12 | that we move just to her area of testimony so we | | | |
| 13 | can proceed quickly to the traffic consultant. | | | |
| 14 | Thank you. | | | |
| 15 | MR. LAMB: And, Mr. Chairman, I'm | | | |
| 16 | just going to obviously the board has gotten | | | |
| 17 | my letter renewing our request that we made at | | | |
| 18 | the last meeting. I'm not going to dwell on it. Page 8 | | | |

19 I put down all the reasons why that I think that 20 we need a copy of the proposed draft, maintenance easement agreement. Again, we're not asking for 21 financial terms if that are any. We couldn't 22 23 care less about the financial terms. We're more interested in the meat of it and the conditions 24 and the safeguards. So I'm going to renew that 25 Celeste A. Galbo, CCR, RMR 10 1 request. 2 Also, just to remind Mr. Alampi, 3 Mr. Bertin testified he was going to be subject to questions by any interested members of the 4 5 public. MR. ALAMPI: He's here. 6 MR. LAMB: I know. He did not come 7 8 back the next meeting and so therefore still in 9 the list of outstanding items is if anybody --I'm not going to ask Mr. Bertin any more 10 questions, but that's still outstanding on the 11 1.2 list. Thank you. MR. ALAMPI: When I conclude the 13 planning testimony and all that, Mr. Bertin will 14 be available for general questions. 15 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 17 MR. ALAMPI: With regard to Williams Gas, we have engaged in more direct discussions 18 19 and conferences with legal counsel and engineering. We are in agreement that instead of 20

| 21 | 11-17-10 Appleview referring to it as a license agreement, it will | | | |
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| 22 | be a maintenance agreement, it will be an | | | |
| 23 | easement. And we are going to bring that | | | |
| 24 | together. | | | |
| 25 | I don't necessarily agree that | | | |
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| 1 | Mr. Lamb and other people should be participating | | | |
| 2 | in and reviewing the agreement, but I will | | | |
| 3 | produce a copy for him and to the extent that he | | | |
| 4 | expresses any concerns, he can express them | | | |
| 5 | through me and I'll discuss it with him | | | |
| 6 | obviously. But as soon as we get it together | | | |
| 7 | we're going to move to a conclusion but before | | | |
| 8 | it's finalized I'm certainly going to share it | | | |
| 9 | with Mr. Lamb and the board. | | | |
| 10 | Again, my concern is, and I think | | | |
| 11 | you've heard it from me and even from your own | | | |
| 12 | attorney, that that's not part of the process per | | | |
| 13 | se within the scope of review, but we will share | | | |
| 14 | it and at that. But it's not going to be | | | |
| 15 | something where then Mr. Lamb's clients are going | | | |
| 16 | to involve themselves in a three-way negotiation | | | |
| 17 | but I will produce it for him. | | | |
| 18 | MR. LAMB: Mr. Chairman, I want to | | | |
| 19 | make it very clear. I'm not looking to negotiate | | | |
| 20 | that document between the applicant and Transco. | | | |
| 21 | That's their business. But what I can do is | | | |
| 22 | comment on whether there's sufficient safeguards | | | |
| 23 | and that's our position. So if we get this and Page 10 | | | |

- we don't believe that there are sufficient
- 25 safeguards, that is an issue for this board

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- because they are overseeing a project which is
- 2 going to have disruption, blasting -- excuse me,
- 3 not blasting but jostling and disturbance close
- 4 to the line.
- 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Let me cut to the
- 6 chase. I understand your concern, you'll have an
- 7 opportunity to see it and raise any issues if
- 8 there are any. Okay?
- 9 MR. LAMB: Thank you.
- 10 MR. ALAMPI: Thank you, chairman.
- 11 Lisa. We have Miss Mahle-Greco if the pubic has
- 12 geotechnical questions and then we'll move to
- 13 traffic.
- 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Does anyone
- have geotechnical questions to ask this with the?
- 16 Any member of the public?
- 17 JILL HARTMANN, having been duly sworn by the
- 18 Notary Public, was examined and testified as
- 19 follows:
- 20 DEREK McGRATH, having been duly sworn by the
- 21 Notary Public, was examined and testified as
- 22 follows:
- 23 LISA MAHLE-GRECO, having been duly sworn by the
- 24 Notary Public, was examined and testified as
- 25 follows:

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| 1 | THE CHAIRMAN: Miss Wong. |
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| 2 | PEGGY WONG, residing at 8550 Boulevard East, |
| 3 | North Bergen, New Jersey 07047, having been duly |
| 4 | sworn by the Notary Public, was examined and |
| 5 | testified as follows: |
| 6 | THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, ma'am. |
| 7 | THE WITNESS: Miss Greco, you said |
| 8 | that you have done a number of projects on River |
| 9 | Road. |
| 10 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Yes. |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: Could you identify |
| 12 | them by project name? |
| 13 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: There's a bunch |
| 14 | in well, right up the road there is I think |
| 15 | it's 7300 River Road, and a little farther up the |
| 16 | road, I don't know what the address is, it's the |
| 17 | corner of Churchill Road |
| 18 | THE CHAIRMAN: If you could just |
| 19 | speak up a little so we can hear you too. |
| 20 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I'm sorry. I'm |
| 21 | sorry. A little further up Churchill Road and |
| 22 | then up, a full farther up in Edgewater I believe |
| 23 | it's Bulls Ferry Road. |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: Bulls Ferry Road is |
| 25 | not Edgewater. |

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| | MS. | MAHLE-GRECO: | I don't know. | I'm |
| sorry, I | can't r | emember. | | |

3 THE WITNESS: Have you done any

4 projects along the river itself?

5 MS. MAHLE-GRECO: On the other side

of the river, on the east side of the river?

7 THE WITNESS: On the east side of

8 the river, on the river riverside.

9 MS. MAHLE-GRECO: The river

10 riverside I can't think of any specific ones off

the top of my head except for farther up in

12 Edgewater, it was a condo association right on

13 the water. They were having a problem with

14 something but it was almost at that French

15 restaurant.

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16 THE WITNESS: Le Jardin?

17 MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Yes, it was almost

18 up that way.

19 THE WITNESS: Was it Shelter Bay or

20 Hudson Cove?

21 MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Hudson Cove sounds

22 familiar.

23 THE WITNESS: The reason why I ask

24 that some of these developments along the river

are having foundation problems and they're

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1 sinking and I was curious if you were the

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| 2 | engineer on that or if maybe Mr. Bertin was. |
| 3 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Not very many |
| 4 | along the east side of River Road, no. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: All right. Did you |
| 6 | work on Churchill Estates? |
| 7 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Very minimally. |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: And what was your |
| 9 | involvement there? |
| 10 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I just saw what |
| 11 | kind of rock they were taking out. I was on |
| 12 | mostly maternity leave at the time. |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: Okay. Because |
| 14 | Churchill Road Churchill Estates, the project |
| 15 | is infamous for having mud slides. |
| 16 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I didn't know |
| 17 | that. |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: So you're not involved |
| 19 | in any of that? |
| 20 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: No. |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: Would you define what |
| 22 | the difference is between a geologist and a |
| 23 | geotechnical engineer? |
| 24 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: A geologist deals |
| 25 | with mainly just rock, the formation of the |
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| 1 | earth, how they're formed. Geotechnical engineer |
| 2 | does the engineering properties of soil and rock. |
| 3 | THE WITNESS: Okay. So you feel |
| 4 | you're qualified to define what is the Palisade Page 14 |

| cliffs? |
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| MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I believe so. |
| THE WITNESS: All right. Because |
| that in effect your testimony is setting a |
| benchmark for that definition, and I was curious |
| whether you would be the last expert that we |
| would hear on this topic. |
| MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I thought it was |
| pretty well-defined from the different sources |
| we've had. |
| THE WITNESS: You said that the |
| Palisade cliffs are a diabase. You were |
| describing it as what it was, was it 200 million |
| years ago or |
| MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Yeah, the diabase, |
| yes. |
| THE WITNESS: Now, the diabase is |
| what? |
| MS. MAHLE-GRECO: It's molten lava |
| rock that came out from the Watchung Mountains |
| and pushed its way up over the sandstone, |
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| quartzite base of rock and formed a sill over it. |
| THE WITNESS: And what is bedrock? |
| MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Bedrock is |
| anything underneath the earth's surface. |
| any thring under neath the cartin's surface. |
| THE WITNESS: Now, I've read and you |
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| 7 | 11-17-10 Appleview I've read that Palisade cliffs at one time were |
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| 8 | as high as 1,000 feet and as deep as 300 feet or |
| 9 | 3,000 feet. |
| 10 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I have heard that |
| 11 | they were more than three times the height that |
| 12 | they are now. |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: And looking at our |
| 14 | cliffs, especially Apple View, how high are those |
| 15 | cliffs? |
| 16 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I don't know the |
| 17 | elevation per se. I'd have to look at the |
| 18 | survey. |
| 19 | THE WITNESS: Do you want to look at |
| 20 | it? |
| 21 | MR. ALAMPI: Just for the record, |
| 22 | the record should reflect that Mr. Bertin who |
| 23 | supervises Ms. Mahle-Greco's work is assisting |
| 24 | her in viewing the exhibits. When they're done |
| 25 | he should identify or she should identify which |
| | Celeste A. Galbo, CCR, RMR |
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| 1 | exhibit she's referring to. |
| 2 | MR. LAMB: Mr. Chairman, with all |
| 3 | due respect, the question was posed to her. |
| 4 | Mr. Bertin is going to be questioned and although |
| 5 | I'm trying to expedite it a witness can't come up |
| 6 | and show her how to get the answer. |
| 7 | MR. ALAMPI: Let's try to help each |
| 8 | other here. |
| 9 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Yeah, I don't think Page 16 |

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| 10 | there's any question about the height, ultimately |
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| 11 | the entire height up at the top of the Palisades, |
| 12 | is there? It's a set number, either we know it |
| 13 | or we don't. |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: Do you know the |
| 15 | number, Mr. Muhlstock? |
| 16 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: I know |
| 17 | approximately, approximately 170 feet, 180 feet, |
| 18 | somewhere in that neighborhood above River Road. |
| 19 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: It varies over the |
| 20 | cliff face. What Mr. Bertin was helping me with |
| 21 | was finding the right plan. |
| 22 | MR. ALAMPI: Miss Mahle-Greco, tell |
| 23 | us what plan you're referring to. |
| 24 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: This says the |
| 25 | Bertin Engineering Slope Analysis Plan marked A-6 |
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| 1 | on 7/29. |
| 2 | It appears on this plan that the exposed cliff face is approximately elevation 90 |
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| 4 | to 95 feet. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: 90 to 95? |
| 6 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I'm looking on the |
| 7 | plan here and that's what it says. |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: I was going to ask you |
| 9 | what do you think the height is off River Road. |
| 10 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: It varies. |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: To what extreme? |

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| 12 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: It can go as high |
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| 13 | as 170 feet I know in some places. |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: I'm going to ask you |
| 15 | to project into way, way back into the past when |
| 16 | it was at one point let's say 1,000 feet high and |
| 17 | it gradually came down, down, down, to what you |
| 18 | say is 90 feet. Could you sort of hypothetically |
| 19 | say how that came about? Was it man-made? Was |
| 20 | it erosion? |
| 21 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: It was erosion of |
| 22 | water and wind. |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: And as it eroded, the |
| 24 | remnants of it, where would it have gone and what |
| 25 | would it have been erosion of soil and dirt? |
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| 15 | at one point of the original cliffs? |
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| 16 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I have no way of |
| 17 | knowing that. You don't know where it was at the |
| 18 | time. The Hudson River went all the way up to |
| 19 | the cliffs, so it could have been underwater. |
| 20 | THE WITNESS: But if the cliffs were |
| 21 | at one point we said 3,000 feet deep or 300 feet |
| 22 | deep? I was hoping that you'd correct me on |
| 23 | that. |
| 24 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I don't know the |
| 25 | depth, I just know it's three times the height it |
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| 1 | was now. |
| 2 | THE WITNESS: So with all your |
| 3 | knowledge and background and education you |
| 4 | couldn't hypothesize whether the bedrock there |
| 5 | could not be have the cliffs way back when? |
| 6 | THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, now we're |
| 7 | getting into guesses. |
| 8 . | THE WITNESS: That's why we have |
| 9 | experts here. |
| 10 | THE CHAIRMAN: She's really said |
| 11 | that she can't answer it. |
| 12 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I can't guess |
| 13 | that. |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: All right. Okay. |
| 15 | Thank you. |
| 16 | THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Herb. |
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11-17-10 Appleview 17 You had your hand up next. 18 HERBERT SHAW, residing at 4402 Liberty Avenue, 19 North Bergen, New Jersey 07047, having been duly 20 sworn by the Notary Public, was examined and 21 testified as follows: 22 THE WITNESS: As I know it, I'm not 23 testifying as an expert because I'm only a layman and I read a book. Hi. I gave you a copy of 24 this. 25 Celeste A. Galbo, CCR, RMR 22 Shaw 1 MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Yes, I briefly 2 looked at it. 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Would you identify what the "this" is? 4 5 THE WITNESS: Sure. I'm going to show it to everybody here. 6 7 MR. ALAMPI: Thank you, Mr. Shaw. MR. MUHLSTOCK: Why don't you pass 8 9 them around. 10 THE WITNESS: I gave a copy to the 11 geology engineer and just take a look at it. MR. MUHLSTOCK: Whoa, whoa, whoa, go 12 back to the microphone. 13 14 THE WITNESS: The title of this book is "The Geology of New York City and Its 15 16 Environs." North Bergen is mentioned in here 17 mainly because of the sill that grows in the Granton Quarry. Secaucus is mentioned as Snake 18 Hill, Little Snake Hill and Snake Hill Also 19

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Laurel Park, It's call Laurel Park is where this 20 21 volcanic rock came up --MR. MUHLSTOCK: Excuse me. Excuse 22 Now is not the time to testify. You want to 23 me. ask the witness questions, please? 24 THE WITNESS: I'm predicating my 25 Celeste A. Galbo, CCR, RMR 23 Shaw 1 question on these facts. Now, if you'll notice 2 the diagram I gave you has a question mark on it. 3 This is --MR. MUHLSTOCK: What's your question 4 5 of the expert? THE WITNESS: Okay. What is the 6 7 stability of this sedimentary rock that is exposed to the waters of the Hudson River and 8 9 capped by the igneous rock or volcanic rock of the Palisades? 10 MR. MUHLSTOCK: Can you answer that? 11 12 THE WITNESS: Stability. I'm 13 looking for it to slide into the river. 14 MR. MUHLSTOCK: Can you answer the 15 question? THE CHAIRMAN: Can you answer the 16 17 question? 18 MR. MUHLSTOCK: Do you understand

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MS. MAHLE-GRECO: No, I did not

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| 22 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Can you rephrase the |
| 23 | question so it's understandable? |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: Okay. According to |
| 25 | this geologic diagram shown is the sedimentary |
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| 1 | rock which is in direct contact with the Hudson |
| 2 | River, is that not correct? |
| 3 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: As per this |
| 4 | diagram, yes. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: Is not New York City |
| 6 | shown on top of the micro schist rock? |
| 7 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: In this diagram, |
| 8 | yes. |
| 9 | MR. ALAMPI: Could somebody spell |
| 10 | that for me. |
| 11 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: S-C-H-I-S-T. |
| 12 | THE WITNESS: Is not this capped by |
| 13 | the igneous sill of diabase? |
| 14 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: What do you mean |
| 15 | capped? |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: Sits on top. |
| 17 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: As this diagram |
| 18 | shows it yes, it does show it sitting on top. |
| 19 | THE WITNESS: Okay. Do you think |
| 20 | that this is fairly accurate? |
| 21 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: For the site in |
| 22 | question, no. |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: For the site in |
| 24 | question, no. Upon what basis? I know you made Page 22 |

25 test borings on other projects, what did you find

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| 1 | there? |
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| 2 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: The test borings |
| 3 | on this project we found the diabase down in all |
| 4 | test pits and we did not encounter the sandstone |
| 5 | bed. |
| 6 | THE WITNESS: Well, is sandstone |
| 7 | shale allavine (phonetic) which is also known as |
| 8 | rotten rock because it disintegrates. |
| 9 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: It was not |
| 10 | encountered during the test pits with |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: Well, it can be |
| 12 | readily seen because it's |
| 13 | MR. ALAMPI: Mr. Chairman. |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: It's a brownish red. |
| 15 | MR. ALAMPI: The witness is being |
| 16 | argumentative. |
| 17 | THE CHAIRMAN: You asked a question, |
| 18 | she answered it. |
| 19 | THE WITNESS: Well I countered with |
| 20 | anybody can see it, why didn't she see it. I |
| 21 | don't want to be nasty. |
| 22 | THE CHAIRMAN: As you pointed out in |
| 23 | the beginning, she's the expert, you're not. |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: Yes, but I believe in |
| 25 | books. |

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| 1 | THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have another |
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| 2 | question? |
| 3 | THE WITNESS: Who have nothing to |
| 4 | gain. This was 1968 when this book was |
| 5 | published, this man was just a geologist, he had |
| 6 | nothing to gain one way or the other. It's just |
| 7 | an academic study of New York City and its |
| 8 | environs. |
| 9 | THE CHAIRMAN: Again, do you have |
| 10 | another question of the witness? |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: Okay. Now, is the you |
| 12 | called it bedrock, sedimentary rock, I don't call |
| 13 | it bedrock, it's friable, it crumbles, it breaks. |
| 14 | The sedimentary rock, you go there, hit with a |
| 15 | hammer and it flies into pieces, is that not |
| 16 | true? |
| 17 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: For that type of |
| 18 | rock, yes. |
| 19 | THE WITNESS: In this area? |
| 20 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Not on this site. |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: Not on this site. |
| 22 | What is it on this site? |
| 23 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: There's only the |
| 24 | diabase that goes there's an exposed diabase |
| 25 | and then it goes down underneath the soil. |

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| 1 | THE WITNESS: How far? |
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| 2 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: In the front of |
| 3 | the property it went down 30, 35 feet. |
| 4 | THE WITNESS: Okay. Now, this |
| 5 | diagram is not precise. At some places the |
| 6 | diabase does extend down but still underneath it |
| 7 | is the friable sedimentary rock. |
| 8 | MR. ALAMPI: Mr. Chairman |
| 9 | THE WITNESS: Are you aware where |
| 10 | is the closest earthquake epicenter for this |
| 11 | area? |
| 12 | MR. ALAMPI: Mr. Chairman, if I may |
| 13 | raise an objection. |
| 14 | THE CHAIRMAN: Sure. |
| 15 | MR. ALAMPI: The examiner is saying |
| 16 | his own exhibit is not accurate and then he poses |
| 17 | I don't know what he's saying, but quite |
| 18 | honestly I'm having a hard time following him. |
| 19 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: What's let's |
| 20 | start this way, what's the next question? |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: Simple question. |
| 22 | Where is the earthquake epicenter, the closest |
| 23 | one for this area and how far away is it? |
| 24 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Do you know? |
| 25 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I do not know. |
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| 1 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Okay, that's the |
| 2 | answer. |
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| 4 | Gorge Road on the border between North Bergen and |
| 5 | Edgewater, could you say that wasn't true? |
| 6 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I would have to |
| 7 | verify that. |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: You haven't verified |
| 9 | it? |
| 10 | THE CHAIRMAN: You just asked it, |
| 11 | Herb. |
| 12 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: It's asked and |
| 13 | answered. |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: Okay. Why haven't you |
| 15 | verified it? Isn't that the first thing an |
| 16 | engineer should do? |
| 17 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: It's not close to |
| 18 | our site if it is true. It's not right on our |
| 19 | site. |
| 20 | THE WITNESS: If I told you it was a |
| 21 | half mile away, you know where Gorge Road is, |
| 22 | don't you? |
| 23 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Yes. |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: Is it a half mile away |
| 25 | approximately? |
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| 1 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: Approximately. |
| 2 | THE WITNESS: Yes. Okay, do you |
| 3 | think the opinion of a seismologist is necessary |
| 3 4 | for this project? |
| 5 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: No. |
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| 6 | THE WITNESS: No. Do you or your |
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| 7 | firm guarantee that, that it is stable, it can be |
| 8 | built? |
| 9 | MR. ALAMPI: I hope so. |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: Well |
| 11 | MR. ALAMPI: My client hopes so. |
| 12 | THE WITNESS: I read the preliminary |
| 13 | report and it said there was no guarantee |
| 14 | whatsoever. I read it. |
| 15 | MR. ALAMPI: The bank hopes so. |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: It's a complete |
| 17 | escape. |
| 18 | MR. ALAMPI: Everybody would want to |
| 19 | make sure it works. |
| 20 | A VOICE: Are you testifying? |
| 21 | MR. ALAMPI: No. |
| 22 | A VOICE: It sounds like you're |
| 23 | testifying. |
| 24 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Mr. Alampi, don't |
| 25 | answer the question. Is there a question of the |
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| 1 | witness? Let's move back onto the question. |
| 2 | THE CHAIRMAN: I don't want to have |
| 3 | to remove anybody tonight but if there are more |
| 4 | outbursts, I will. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: I suggest that the |
| 6 | gentleman after I finish ask his questions, he'll |
| 7 | be allowed to do so. The object of this hearing |
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| 8 | 11-17-10 Appleview is to find the truth whether this project is |
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| 9 | viable or not. |
| 10 | THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: My position is it's |
| 12 | not viable and my testimony is according to what |
| 13 | I read in the books and what the |
| 14 | THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have another |
| 15 | question? |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: The building code says |
| 17 | and a diagram of the earthquake areas on the |
| 18 | eastern seaboard which is nothing compared to the |
| 19 | western seaboard, but it's still there. We have |
| 20 | locally we have the 125th Street |
| 21 | THE CHAIRMAN: Herb, do you have any |
| 22 | more questions of this witness? |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: I'm predicating my |
| 24 | questions on these facts. |
| 25 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: That's not a |
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| 1 | predicate and your questioning is not |
| 2 | appropriate. You can't make statements like |
| 3 | that. At this point do you have a question? |
| 4 | Otherwise we'll get someone else because we're |
| 5 | not going to go all night recross-examination on |
| 6 | the witness. |
| 7 | THE WITNESS: 15 minutes. |
| 8 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: 15 total minutes. |
| 9 | THE WITNESS: Well, you keep |
| 10 | interrupting what I'm trying to get at. I'm Page 28 |

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| 11 | trying to get at the truth and you don't want to |
| 12 | hear it. |
| 13 | THE CHAIRMAN: Herb, I asked you to |
| 14 | ask this witness, before anybody came up, |
| 15 | question this witness. If you're through with |
| 16 | that, let's get somebody else. |
| 17 | THE WITNESS: Is your firm |
| 18 | responsible if there should happen to be a |
| 19 | catastrophic earthquake that destroys the |
| 20 | Palisades in this area? |
| 21 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: That's objectionable |
| 22 | as a matter of law. Don't answer that. |
| 23 | THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Does |
| 24 | anyone else want to |
| 25 | THE WITNESS: Wait a minute. Wait a |
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| 1 | minute |
| 2 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: That's a conclusion |
| 3 | that calls |
| 4 | THE WITNESS: She's not |
| 5 | responsible |
| 6 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: That calls for a |
| 7 | conclusion of law. That's not for this witness |
| 8 | to state yes or no to that question. It's an |
| 9 | improper question. I know we're informal here |
| 10 | but you can't just ask questions out of left |
| 11 | field like that that have no basis at all. I'm |

12 sorry. I'm sorry.

| | 11-17-10 Appleview THE WITNESS: What I'm trying to get |
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| 14 | at is her firm going to be responsible |
| 15 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: It's not a proper |
| 16 | question. Sorry. |
| 17 | THE WITNESS: If the Palisades and |
| 18 | especially the area of Churchill Road falls down. |
| 19 | You heard testimony it was falling down now. |
| 20 | THE CHAIRMAN: Herb. |
| 21 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Get someone else up |
| 22 | there. |
| 23 | THE CHAIRMAN: You're off base |
| 24 | again. |
| 25 | Yes, you had your hand up. |
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| 1 | THE WITNESS: You know what happened |
| 2 | to Manzo. |
| 3 | JEREMY RABIN, residing at 7004 Boulevard East, |
| 4 | Guttenberg, New Jersey, having been duly sworn by |
| 5 | the Notary Public, was examined and testified as |
| 6 | follows: |
| 7 | THE CHAIRMAN: Again, questions of |
| 8 | this witness on her testimony. |
| 9 | THE WITNESS: Yes. Okay, I have |
| 10 | some questions regarding the zoning ordinance |
| 11 | which applies obviously to this project. This is |
| 12 | North Bergen Zoning Ordinance. The definition of |
| 13 | the cliff and how a rear yard setback should be |
| 14 | established is spelled out here. The zoning |
| 15 | ordinance, if I could just read it Page 30 |

| 16 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: You don't have to |
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| 17 | read it. Just ask the witness if she's familiar |
| 18 | with it. |
| 19 | THE WITNESS: Well, it's one |
| 20 | sentence and I wanted her response to it if that |
| 21 | would be okay. It says "In lots having a slope |
| 22 | of 30 percent or more the rear yard shall be |
| 23 | measured horizontally from the first habitable |
| 24 | floor." |
| 25 | So my first question is regarding |
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| 1 | that, do you think that the 30 percent slope has |
| 2 | any bearing on the establishing of where the |
| 3 | setback would go to? You've maintained that the |
| 4 | setback should be measured to the exposed cliff |
| 5 | face which is exposed rock cliff face, and this |
| 6 | ordinance says in lots with a slope of 30 percent |
| 7 | or more. So I want to know what reason do you |
| 8 | think the 30 percent is included in this? |
| 9 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: The reason, so |
| 10 | probably so nothing goes into the proposed |
| 11 | building, but there is a definite difference "see |
| 12 | figure 14" and I don't know that amount off the |
| 13 | top of my head. I'm not a zoning |
| 14 | MR. SHAW: You can't hear the lady |
| 15 | properly. Everybody wants to hear what she has |
| 16 | to say. |
| 17 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I'm not a zoning |

| 18 | 11-17-10 Appleview official. I don't know the specific dimension |
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| 19 | but I think it's 30 or 40 from the proposed first |
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| 20 | floor of the building to the cliff face. It says |
| 21 | it right there, not to the ground surface, it |
| 22 | says the cliff face. |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: Yes, shall be measured |
| 24 | to the cliff face. |
| 25 | So the first part of this sentence |
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| 1 | says "in lots having a slope of 30 percent or |
| 2 | more." So it would seem that that sets the |
| 3 | requirement and one would imagine therefore that |
| 4 | if it was a slope of 20 percent, you wouldn't |
| 5 | have to measure to the cliff face or if there was |
| 6 | no slope at all one wouldn't therefore have to. |
| 7 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: It appears so. |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: So the question would |
| 9 | be what would be special about 30 percent? |
| 10 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I don't know, I |
| 11 | didn't write the ordinance. |
| 12 | THE WITNESS: Well, I think one |
| 13 | explanation |
| 14 | THE CHAIRMAN: It's beyond her |
| 15 | expertise. |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: Well, I think that |
| 17 | this zoning ordinance book is pretty crucial to |
| 18 | everything that we're trying to do here. |
| 19 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Well, you can |
| 20 | certainly ask that question to the planner, I Page 32 |

- 11-17-10 Appleview would imagine their zoning expert but not the 21 22 geotechnical expert. 23 THE WITNESS: I would suggest that in a sentence that says it must be 30 percent or 24 more, the 30 percent or more is the cliff face, 25 Celeste A. Galbo, CCR, RMR 36 Rabin that their definition in this one sentence is 1 2 that a cliff face is --3 MR. MUHLSTOCK: That's --MR. ALAMPI: Let me do my job. 4 5 MR. MUHLSTOCK: Go ahead. MR. ALAMPI: I wanted to allow Mr. 6 Rabin the opportunity but clearly he's asking 7 8 planning questions. We do have a planning witness who will tie that element of the 9 10 ordinance together but this is beyond the
- 12 THE WITNESS: The witness did
- 13 testify about her opinion regarding what was and

expertise of the geotechnical testimony.

- 14 was not a cliff face.
- 15 MR. MUHLSTOCK: But you're not
- asking those questions now, you're asking zoning
- 17 questions.

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- 18 THE CHAIRMAN: You're asking about
- 19 the zoning.
- 20 MR. MUHLSTOCK: So if you want to
- 21 ask geotechnical, ask a couple questions on that.
- 22 Don't ask zoning questions.

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| 23 | 11-17-10 Appleview THE WITNESS: But I think if I |
| 24 | recall her testimony accurately, it was in the |
| 25 | context of the zoning setback requirement that |
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| 1 | she was giving the definition of cliff face. |
| 2 | Cliff face did not matter except regarding |
| 3 | THE CHAIRMAN: She did not develop |
| 4 | the zoning ordinance. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 6 | THE CHAIRMAN: And you're asking her |
| 7 | to interpret what was behind the development of |
| 8 | the ordinance. She can't do that. |
| 9 | THE WITNESS: Well, let me put it |
| 10 | this way, I'm asking her to explain how she came |
| 11 | to the conclusion that a 30 percent slope is not |
| 12 | a cliff face. And the only testifying that I've |
| 13 | heard from her is that she was able to find the |
| 14 | definition in Webster's dictionary which defined |
| 15 | a cliff face. Now, I looked in Webster's |
| 16 | dictionary and in the Merriam-Webster Collegiate |
| 17 | Dictionary a cliff and she used a Webster's |
| 18 | dictionary so I'm just following up on that. |
| 19 | It's a simple sentence "A very steep vertical or |
| 20 | overhanging face of rock, earth or ice." That's |
| 21 | the definition in the Merriam-Webster's |
| 22 | Collegiate Dictionary, it's the first definition |
| 23 | and only definition. |
| 24 | Now, a very steep could be certainly |
| 25 | defined as 30 percent, 30 percent would be a Page 34 |

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| 1 | dangerous thing to be climbing on if you didn't |
| 2 | know what you were doing and certainly falling |
| 3 | rocks would be very likely. So a very steep |
| 4 | earth surface by this definition would be a |
| 5 | cliff. So what I'm asking is how can we |
| 6 | determine that this zoning ordinance when they |
| 7 | say cliff face should be following her definition |
| 8 | that it must be an exposed rock face and not what |
| 9 | seems to be defined here which is a 30 percent |
| LO | slope or greater. |
| L1 | And I'm just asking, this was first |
| L2 | mentioned several months ago and there's been a |
| L3 | lot of time since then, have you yet been able to |
| L4 | find anything in the zoning ordinance that |
| L5 | defines cliff the way you define it as an exposed |
| L6 | rock face, vertical rock face? |
| L7 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: I'm not a zoning |
| L8 | expert. I have been doing just the geotechnical |
| L9 | part and that's geotechnical and a layman's term |
| 20 | of the cliff face. |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: But when you were |
| 22 | trying to determine what the setback is going to |
| 23 | be on your property, you're trying to conform |
| 24 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: She didn't handle |
|) <u>F</u> | that aspect of this application. Your question |

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| 1 | it's a good line of questioning, hold it for the |
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| 2 | planner. |
| 3 | THE CHAIRMAN: Wrong witness. |
| 4 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Wrong witness. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: But she did handle the |
| 6 | defining of the cliff, though. |
| 7 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: She only defined the |
| 8 | cliff as the exposed rock, that's correct. |
| 9 | You're taking the next jump and tying it in. Ask |
| 10 | the planner. That's the right person to ask. |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: I hear what you're |
| 12 | saying. I would just like to see if I can get an |
| 13 | answer to this question, though. Have you been |
| 14 | able to find anything in a zoning ordinance that |
| 15 | says that 30 percent slope is not a cliff? |
| 16 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Can you answer that? |
| 17 | MS. MAHLE-GRECO: No. |
| 18 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Okay, she can't |
| 19 | answer it. Hold that for the planner. Hold |
| 20 | those questions for the planner. It's a planning |
| 21 | question. |
| 22 | THE WITNESS: Well, I was asking |
| 23 | whether she was aware and |
| 24 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: She said no. |
| 25 | THE WITNESS: I'm not sure if she |

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| 2 | answering. |
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| 3 | I would also like to ask regarding |
| 4 | this is an enlargement but it's the diagram that |
| 5 | corresponds to that statement. And here clearly |
| 6 | there's nothing on this defined with the word |
| 7 | cliff face, however, it clearly says a 30 percent |
| 8 | slope, and it shows the rear yard setback being |
| 9 | measured from the building to the slope. And the |
| 10 | slope is clearly not this vertical line which has |
| 11 | been included here, the slope is this line, a 30 |
| 12 | degree slope. |
| 13 | MR. ALAMPI: Chairman, I don't hear |
| 14 | a question but I don't know what diagram the |
| 15 | gentleman |
| 16 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: It's figure 14 from |
| 17 | the zoning code. |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: It's already been |
| 19 | entered into. |
| 20 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: It's part of the |
| 21 | zoning code. |
| 22 | THE WITNESS: And it was re-entered |
| 23 | several months ago when these questions were |
| 24 | brought up to Mr. Bertin, and I would wonder if |
| 25 | all this time anyone has been able to produce |
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| 1 | anything in this zoning ordinance which supports |
| 2 | which seems like a rather unusual claim that what |
| 3 | seems to be here isn't here. I think we're |

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| 5 | of what the requirements are for this building |
| 6 | and I will, you know, try to take this up, you |
| 7 | know, with another witness, but this witness was |
| 8 | the one who spent the most time defining cliffs. |
| 9 | And all we have is one Webster's dictionary |
| 10 | definition. Thank you. |
| 11 | THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Let's |
| 12 | move on to your witnesses. |
| 13 | MR. ALAMPI: We have a traffic |
| 14 | consultant. Chairman, you may recall at the |
| 15 | September meeting we marked the traffic impact |
| 16 | study which originated in 2009 and then revised |
| 17 | June 10, 2010. It was marked as A-10 in the |
| 18 | exhibit package. And we have Mr. Bahman |
| 19 | Izadmehr, Ph.D., PTOE, and I'll call Dr. Izadmehr |
| 20 | BAHMAN IZADMEHR, having been duly sworn by the |
| 21 | Notary Public, was examined and testified as |
| 22 | follows: |
| 23 | VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION |
| 24 | BY MR. ALAMPI: |
| 25 | Q. Bahman, can you please give the |
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| 1 | board the benefit of your educational and |
| 2 | professional background and brief curriculum |
| 3 | vitae and any degrees that you hold? |
| 4 | A. Sure. I have earned three degrees |
| 5 | in civil engineering from the University of Texas |
| 6 | and I'm professional engineer in the State of New Page 38 |

| 7 | Jersey since 1990. I have appeared before |
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| 8 | numerous planning boards and boards of adjustment |
| 9 | as well as Supreme Court of New Jersey as an |
| 10 | expert witness in civil engineering and |
| 11 | transportation engineering and traffic |
| 12 | engineering. I don't remember if I have appeared |
| 13 | before this very board or not but I have appeared |
| 14 | in the neighboring towns. And of I have been |
| 1 5 | practicing traffic engineering, transportation |
| 16 | and civil engineering since 1980. |
| 17 | Q. And have you been qualified as an |
| 18 | expert if traffic engineering and traffic safety |
| 19 | issues? |
| 20 | A. Yes, I have. |
| 21 | Q. And you've testified in that |
| 22 | category? |
| 23 | A. Yes. |
| 24 | Q. Have you ever been denied the |
| 25 | opportunity once you presented your credentials |
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| 1 | to be qualified as an expert in traffic |
| 2 | engineering? |
| 3 | A. No. |
| 4 | THE CHAIRMAN: You haven't been |
| 5 | before this board but we will qualify you. |
| 6 | MR. ALAMPI: So the chairman |
| 7 | remembers you. |
| 8 | Q. I want to correct one thing, you |
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| 9 | said you appeared before the Supreme Court. Do |
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| 10 | you mean the Superior Court? |
| 11 | A. Superior Court, yes. |
| 12 | MR. ALAMPI: John. |
| 13 | MR. LAMB: I just have one question. |
| 14 | What percentage of your practice is in traffic |
| 15 | consulting or engineering? |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: About 70, 80 percent. |
| 17 | MR. LAMB: Thank you. |
| 18 | I have no objections. Mr. Chairman. |
| 19 | MR. ALAMPI: Thank you. |
| 20 | THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. |
| 21 | DIRECT EXAMINATION |
| 22 | BY MR. ALAMPI: |
| 23 | Q. Now Bahman, you participated and |
| 24 | collaborated with Calisto Bertin in the |
| 25 | preparation of a traffic impact study referenced |
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| 1 | as Apple View, LLC; is that correct? |
| 2 | A. Yes, it's correct. |
| 3 | Q. And this study was initially |
| 4 | prepared and dated July 27, 2009 but revised June |
| 5 | 10, 2010; is that correct? |
| 6 | A. That's correct. |
| 7 | Q. And you not only participated but |
| 8 | you authored the report? |
| 9 | A. Yes, I did. |
| 10 | Q. And can you bring us through the |
| 11 | elements of your report and if you need to, there Page 40 |

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| 12 | are various exhibits that have already been |
| 13 | entered into the case record and we'll ask |
| 14 | Mr. Bertin to assist you to flip the pages. If |
| 15 | you wish to refer to those pages, just make the |
| 16 | references in your testimony. |
| 17 | A. Sure. |
| 18 | Q. But bring us briefly through your |
| 19 | report. |
| 20 | A. The study that we did on the subject |
| 21 | site basically addresses the traffic impact |
| 22 | associated with the construction of 59 units, the |
| 23 | subject site, residential units on the west side |
| 24 | of River Road. |
| 25 | Q. Now, I want to remind you initially |
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| 1 . | the report referenced 60 unit residential but the |
| 2 | project was modified to establish 59 units, |
| 3 | correct? |
| 4 | A. I was going to mention that, thank |
| 5 | you. |
| 6 | Q. Is that true? |
| 7 | A. That's correct. |
| 8 | Q. And the reduction of the one unit, |
| 9 | does that change the details of your report? |
| 10 | Would it be necessary for you to amend your |
| 11 | report? |
| 12 | A. No, it does not. It doesn't change |

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traffic count.

| 14 | 11-17-10 Appleview Q. Thank you. |
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| 15 | A. As part of the study we did traffic |
| 16 | counts at two intersections, one immediately |
| 17 | north of the site and one immediately to the |
| 18 | south of the site. Mainly |
| 19 | Q. Bahman, you have a Texas accent from |
| 20 | the time you were at University of Texas, so |
| 21 | speak slowly and into the mike. |
| 22 | A. I'm sorry. Sure. |
| 23 | Q. And indicate for us exactly where |
| 24 | what intersections you studied and what dates or |
| 25 | times of the day you studied. |
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| 1 | A. Surely. The traffic activities was |
| 2 | performed at the signalized intersection of River |
| 3 | Road and Hospital Driveway. The traffic counts |
| 4 | were taken on December 3rd, 2008 from 7 a.m. to 9 |
| 5 | a.m., the peak period. And again on Tuesday |
| 6 | December 2nd, 2008 during the p.m. peak period |
| 7 | namely from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. |
| 8 | Q. Now, you are you mentioning dates |
| 9 | that are almost two years old, correct? |
| 10 | A. That's correct. |
| 11 | Q. And have you had an opportunity to |
| 12 | revisit the site and view the traffic pattern |
| 13 | since that time? |
| 14 | A. I have been on the site many times |
| 15 | since that time and there has been actually a |

reduction in traffic on River Road which I will Page 42

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| 17 | allude to in a little wide. |
| 18 | Q. Now you mentioned the first study |
| 19 | was 7 to 9 a.m. the second study was 4 p.m. to 6 |
| 20 | p.m. is it? |
| 21 | A. That's correct at that particular |
| 22 | intersection. |
| 23 | Q. You referred to those as peak times. |
| 24 | Just explain why you refer to them as peak times. |
| 25 | A. In traffic engineering profession |
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| 1 | for weekday traffic we have normally two peak |
| 2 | periods. For the morning hours they're usually |
| 3 | from 7 to 9 a.m. and for afternoon period they |
| 4 | are usually from 4 to 6 p.m. |
| 5 | Q. This is what we refer to as high |
| 6 | commuter hours? |
| 7 | A. High commuter hours. That's when |
| 8 | the traffic is highest on those particular |
| 9 | intersection or roads. And usually we do traffic |
| 10 | counts for 15 minute periods during those two |
| 11 | hours and then we select the four consecutive |
| 12 | peak 15 minutes which consists which makes up |
| 13 | the peak hour traffic. |
| 14 | Q. By segmenting these 15 minute |
| 15 | segments and tying them together, is that an |
| 16 | approved and proper methodology? |
| 17 | A. That's correct, that's an approved |
| 18 | methodology in transportation traffic engineering |

11-17-10 Appleview 19 profession. And how do you know that? 20 Q. 21 Α. Well, I guess I have a Ph.D. in that 22 field. 23 And with regard to the study, what Q. did you fine for the peak hour, the a.m. peak 24 hour and the p.m. peak hour? What were your 25 Celeste A. Galbo, CCR, RMR 48 Izadmehr - Direct 1 findings? 2 First the findings are summarized in Α. 3 our report and found that there is roughly about 4 1100 cars on River Road going north at that intersection, and about 1400 cars roughly 5 going -- I'm sorry, 1600 to 1700 cars going 6 7 southbound on River Road during the morning peak hour. And in the p.m. peak hour the numbers were 8 about 1400 going northbound and about 1300 going 9 10 southbound. 11 we also did traffic count on a 12 Saturday at that particular site and the Saturday traffics are lower than the a.m. and p.m. peak 13 during the weekly. 14 1.5 Q. You would expect that? 16 Α. Yes. Why? 17 Q. Because there are no commuters on 18 Α. 19 Saturdays. I mean, still some folks work but most people are off on a Saturday and Sunday, so 20 you would expect that this not -- no work related 21

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| 22 | traffic. |
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| 23 | Q. Now, did you study any other points |
| 24 | or intersections? |
| 25 | A. Sure. We also performed, again, |
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| 1 | traffic counts during the a.m. and p.m. peak |
| 2 | periods at the intersection of River Road and |
| 3 | Ferry Road intersection which is about six, 700 |
| 4 | feet south of the site on River Road. And we did |
| 5 | those counts again during June of 2006. And by |
| 6 | doing the counts on other sites on River Road we |
| 7 | noticed that the traffic actually has been |
| 8 | reduced by about 10 to 15 percent over the years |
| 9 | and the reason is because River Road enjoys a |
| 10 | good public transportation system. And recently |
| 11 | New Jersey Transit extended public the Hudson |
| 12 | Bergen Light Rail, so folks basically are taking |
| 13 | advantage of the buses and public transportation. |
| 14 | And also |
| 15 | Q. You can hear the members of the |
| 16 | public laughing, right? |
| 17 | A. Sure. |
| 18 | Q. They believe that the traffic has |
| 19 | increased. How do you respond to that? |
| 20 | A. Well, we have hard data to prove |
| 21 | that traffic actually has reduced over the years. |
| 22 | But, again that does not change the picture |
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| 24 | $11	ext{-}17	ext{-}10$ Appleview complex which does not generate even though we |
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| 25 | keep the traffic at the highest level that we |
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| 1 | have counted, is still based on our capacity |
| 2 | analysis of the intersections and the roadways |
| 3 | and level of service of the traffic at those |
| 4 | intersections and at the driveways, the proposed |
| 5 | driveways at the site are acceptable. |
| 6 | THE CHAIRMAN: I must tell you I |
| 7 | have some real problems with your report. You're |
| 8 | showing A levels of service in quite a few of |
| 9 | these categories. We've had multiple studies |
| 10 | along that road, not one has defined an A level |
| 11 | of service. They're usually D or below. |
| 12 | THE WITNESS: Well, actually we do |
| 13 | have Ds. |
| 14 | THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, I saw your Ds |
| 15 | they're westbound going up Ferry Road. You don't |
| 16 | have Ds on River Road. I just find that |
| 17 | incredible. |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: Well, the existing |
| 19 | traffic on River Road and Ferry Road for the |
| 20 | northbound is A but then for the eastbound is E, |
| 21 | so is worse than D but those are existing level |
| 22 | of services. |
| 23 | THE CHAIRMAN: Going into the |
| 24 | hospital? |
| 25 | THE WITNESS: This is Ferry Road |

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| 1 | coming down on Ferry Road towards River Road. |
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| | THE CHAIRMAN: That's fine, you |
| 3 | define Ferry Road as poor. |
| 4 | THE WITNESS: Ferry Road as I said |
| 5 | is between A and B |
| 6 | THE CHAIRMAN: The River Road is |
| 7 | excellent. |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: Not necessarily, River |
| 9 | Road is a C. |
| 10 | THE CHAIRMAN: I see a lot of As and |
| 11 | Bs. |
| 12 | THE WITNESS: Yeah, but overall the |
| 13 | intersection has level of service C which is an |
| 14 | average level of service ranging from A to an E. |
| 15 | MR. ALAMPI: Mr. Chairman, I never |
| 16 | even got to those questions. |
| 17 | THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah, I'm sorry, I |
| 18 | looked ahead. |
| 19 | MR. ALAMPI: But I didn't get there |
| 20 | yet. |
| 21 | Q. Now, you said quite a bit about |
| 22 | level of service and satisfactory functioning. |
| 23 | Just give us some definitions. You're using a |
| 24 | level of service, it's obvious that the chairman |
| 25 | and I know Mr. Lamb, myself, maybe Mr. Bertin |

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| 1 | understands what that is, but what are we talking |
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| 2 | about? You say level of service, tell us what |
| 3 | that means to a traffic engineer. |
| 4 | A. Well, we measure just the same way |
| 5 | you get the grade which you're in middle school, |
| 6 | middle school or elementary or high school to |
| 7 | grade the performance based on how you do in |
| 8 | overall examinations, homeworks, assignments and |
| 9 | attendance and so forth and so on. And using the |
| 10 | same analogy in traffic engineering profession w |
| 11 | grade the performance, the quality of traffic on |
| 12 | a given |
| 13 | Q. So my teacher might give me an A fo |
| 14 | doing my homework every day but my performance i |
| 15 | the class might be deficient so I wind up with a |
| 16 | B or C? |
| 17 | A. That's right. |
| 18 | Q. And you say when you give a categor |
| 19 | of C or B it's a composition of |
| 20 | A. Composition of your performance. O |
| 21 | your performance. |
| 22 | Q. Within that bottom line? |
| 23 | A. That's correct. |
| 24 | Q. And |
| 25 | A. So using the same analogy, we grade |
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- the performance of traffic, vehicular traffic at
- 2 a given road or intersection assigning letter Page 48

grade A through F. Obviously F is failure, that

means everything comes to a standstill, it

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| 5 | becomes sort of a parking lot. And E is the |
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| 6 | capacity of the intersection. That means it |
| 7 | could hold the highest number of cars entering an |
| 8 | intersection in an hour or for a highway would be |
| 9 | the number of cars it could hold in a mile lane |
| 10 | of a highway. |
| 11 | So it would be basically very little |
| 12 | traffic, not much delay. The delays again are |
| 13 | assigned a letter grade. So in this case if it's |
| 14 | less than 10 seconds at that intersection, that |
| 15 | intersection exhibits level of service A. So as |
| 16 | the delay increases and approaches 60 seconds, |
| 17 | then the level of service becomes an E. |
| 18 | So, for an intersection we use the |
| 19 | criteria of delay, how much you actually wait at |
| 20 | that intersection |
| 21 | Q. Let me ask you some questions. |
| 22 | If you go to an intersection that |
| 23 | does not have a traffic signal control and you |
| 24 | have to wait there to enter the main road, this |
| 25 | is the delay that you're referring to? |
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| 1 | A. That's the delay and the same delay |
| 2 | could be measured if you are waiting for a |
| 3 | traffic light to turn green so you could cross |
| 4 | that intersection. |

| 5 | 11-17-10 Appleview Q. Now, there can be a delay for a |
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| 6 | motorist but the delay could be deemed |
| 7 | acceptable? |
| 8 | A. That's correct. |
| 9 | Q. Agreeable? |
| 10 | A. That's correct. |
| 11 | Q. Or unacceptable? |
| 12 | A. That's correct. |
| 13 | Q. And that's how you put the |
| 14 | characterization of A through E? |
| 15 | A. Sure. So in traffic engineering |
| 16 | level of service A through E are acceptable. Of |
| 17 | course F is not acceptable, the same way that F |
| 18 | grade in a class is not acceptable. |
| 19 | Q. So now we |
| 20 | A. So we have a passing grade and we |
| 21 | have a failing grade. |
| 22 | Q. So you first looked at the River |
| 23 | Road and the Hospital Driveway intersection? |
| 24 | A. That's correct. |
| 25 | Q. And I asked you why you selected |
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| 1 | that point. What was important about that |
| 2 | location? |
| 3 | A. Because those are the two immediate |
| 4 | intersections, one to the north, one to the south |
| 5 | of the site and both of them happen to be |
| 6 | signalized as well. So the importance is based |
| 7 | on the script of the site and also they are Page 50 |

| 8 | signalized. |
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| 9 | Q. And because they are signalized they |
| 10 | will control or break the traffic pattern from |
| 11 | time to time, correct? |
| 12 | A. That's correct. And also the fact |
| 13 | that they are signalized because they probably |
| 14 | experienced highest traffic volume in the |
| 15 | vicinity of the site. |
| 16 | Q. Now, could you just briefly describe |
| 17 | for the record, I know everybody here knows this |
| 18 | but River Road itself is a county road, correct? |
| 19 | A. River Road in this section, is a |
| 20 | county road, County of Hudson and further north |
| 21 | it becomes Bergen County road. |
| 22 | Q. And you describe in your report a |
| 23 | four lane county road? |
| 24 | A. It's a four lane, but also it enjoys |
| 25 | a middle lane which becomes a left turn lane or |
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| 1 | left turn bay at certain intersections alongside |
| 2 | of the road. |
| 3 | Q. And in proximity to the subject site |
| 4 | is there a middle lane in this River Road either |
| 5 | to the north or south of it? |
| 6 | A. There is a middle lane in front of |
| 7 | the site, and as you approach Ferry Road it |
| 8 | becomes an exclusive left turn road into the new |
| 9 | development on the east side of River Road. |

| 10 | 11-17-10 Appleview Q. The new hi-rise building there |
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| 11 | you're talking about? |
| 12 | A. Yes. I believe it's called Admiral |
| 13 | Walk. |
| 14 | THE CHAIRMAN: No. |
| 15 | THE WITNESS: I'm talking about |
| 16 | going southbound. |
| 17 | Q. Jacobs Ferry, you mean? Admiral's |
| 18 | Walk is in Edgewater. |
| 19 | A. Yes. |
| 20 | Q. And with regard to these concerns |
| 21 | raised by the board, Chair and such, you have put |
| 22 | some characteristics as A, B, E, D, and such. |
| 23 | But let's go to River Road. We know that River |
| 24 | Road is a heavy traffic road? |
| 25 | A. That's correct. |
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| 1 | Q. And yet in some categories you have |
| 2 | affixed a category A to River Road. Where would |
| 3 | that be in your report? Would that be on page |
| 4 | 10? |
| 5 | A. It's on page 10 in the table at the |
| 6 | bottom of the page, titled River Road and Ferry |
| 7 | Road Intersection. |
| 8 | Q. Continuing to page 11. |
| 9 | A. Yes, page 11 is the other |
| 10 | intersection, Hospital Driveway and River Road. |
| 11 | Q. Take this out of context because it |
| 12 | seemed to catch the attention. But from pages 10 |
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| 13 | through II these are the level of services |
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| 14 | analysis for those two intersections that you |
| 15 | described? |
| 16 | A. That's correct. |
| 17 | Q. And how do you then give an A |
| 18 | category, say, northbound on River Road and Ferry |
| 19 | which seems to surprise some people and then give |
| 20 | a B and all that, how do you assess that? |
| 21 | A. Well, I mean, I don't assign those |
| 22 | level of services obviously. There has been |
| 23 | highway capacity analysis procedure developed by |
| 24 | the federal government that we utilize, and it's |
| 25 | basically adopted by almost I should say by all |
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| 1 | 50 states in the country. So we use the |
| 2 | procedures that have been researched and have |
| 3 | been adopted by the Federal Department of |
| 4 | Transportation. |
| 5 | Q. Now, Bahman, tell us what type of |
| 6 | studies and treatises that you relied upon to |
| 7 | render these opinions in your report. |
| 8 | A. As I mentioned earlier, we did our |
| 9 | traffic counts and we determined what the peak |
| 10 | hour volumes were and we used the procedures set |
| 11 | up for signalized intersection in the Manual of |
| 12 | Highway Capacity and |
| 13 | Q. Is that what it's called, Manual of |
| 14 | Highway Capacity? |

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| 15 | A. Manual of Highway Capacity, yeah. |
| 16 | And in using the manual, of course we use the |
| 17 | software which is again developed by the federal |
| 18 | government. It's called Highway Capacity |
| 19 | Software, HCS and we basically input the geometry |
| 20 | of the intersection, the signal timing and the |
| 21 | traffic volume and all the other geometric |
| 22 | characteristics of the intersection, then we get |
| 23 | an output which is, again, is in term of delay |
| 24 | and the level of service. |
| 25 | So this letter grades or for the |
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| 1 | level of service and the delays in seconds that |
| 2 | you see in this table are directly from those |
| 3 | articles which are attached to the end of the |
| 4 | report. |
| 5 | Q. So you indicate, for example, in |
| 6 | your grid that on River Road at the Ferry Road |
| 7 | intersect going northbound in the morning peak |
| 8 | hour 8.9 seconds you attribute A. What does that |
| 9 | mean, 8.9 seconds? |
| 10 | A. That means on the average you will |
| 11 | be delayed 8.9 seconds going northbound at that |
| 12 | intersection of Ferry Road and River Road. |
| 13 | Q. Naturally if you have a red light |
| 14 | you might be there for a minute? |
| 15 | A. Yes, but this is on the average. |
| 16 | But, again, the same way that you may encounter a |
| 17 | red light you may encounter a green light and you |
| | Page 54 |

| 18 | may not have to wait at all. So this is a |
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| 19 | weighted average of the cars during that peak |
| 20 | period or, I'm sorry, during that peak hour. So |
| 21 | on the average it's expected that you will |
| 22 | experience a delay of nine seconds. |
| 23 | Q. In any event, having analyzed each |
| 24 | direction north, south, and east and what time of |
| 25 | day and the peak hour, at the bottom of the grid |
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| 1 | you've attributed a C in the morning and a B in |
| 2 | the evening? |
| 3 | A. That's correct. |
| 4 | Q. C is what, that's average? |
| 5 | A. C is average. |
| 6 | Q. What does that mean when you say |
| 7 | average? |
| 8 | A. C means you will experience some |
| 9 | delay, the intersection will not be approaching |
| 10 | to the failure, so you're expected to cross the |
| 11 | intersection either during the first cycle of the |
| 12 | signal or during the second cycle. But once this |
| 13 | conditions get heavier, you will be approaching a |
| 14 | level of service D. |
| 15 | Q. And so in the morning you've |
| 16 | attributed C but in the evening peak hour it |
| 17 | appears to improve to a B level of service? |
| 18 | A. That's correct. |
| 19 | Q. And why is that? |

| 20 | 11-17-10 Appleview A. Either there is a better signal |
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| 21 | timing at the site or there is less traffic. But |
| 22 | I can look at the traffic data and see if it's |
| 23 | due to the traffic volume or due to the traffic |
| 24 | signal. |
| 25 | Q. Take a moment and just tell us where |
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| 1 | your |
| 2 | A. Again, these are the existing |
| 3 | conditions, it has nothing to do with the |
| 4 | development that we're proposing. |
| 5 | Q. I'm going to get there. Be patient. |
| 6 | Just tell us in your report what exhibit or |
| 7 | appendix you're referring to for you to recall |
| 8 | what you can attribute the difference in the |
| 9 | level of service? |
| 10 | A. Sure. If we look at page 6 you will |
| 11 | see our traffic data on page 6 both for a.m. and |
| 12 | p.m. peak or each movement. So the true traffic |
| 13 | of course on p.m. is heavier is 1081 and in the |
| 14 | morning is 769. So the level of services for the |
| 15 | northbound basically remain the same no I'm |
| 16 | sorry, the level of services for the a.m. for the |
| 17 | northbound is A during the a.m. and for p.m. it's |
| 18 | B. So it gets worse then because the traffic |
| 19 | volume gets heavy. So the traffic volume goes up |
| 20 | for the northbound from 769 to 1081 and that's |
| 21 | reflected in a degrading of the level of service |
| 22 | from A to a B. |

| 23 | Now, on the southbound it's just the |
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| 24 | reverse. The a.m. level of service for the |
| 25 | southbound is a C, and in the evening it becomes |
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| 1 | a B because the traffic volume drops as you can |
| 2 | see on that table in page 6. |
| 3 | A.m. is heavy, it's about 1476 and |
| 4 | it's p.m. is 866. So there is a direct |
| 5 | correlation between the level of volume and the |
| 6 | level of service. |
| 7 | Q. You would agree that it's a heavy |
| 8 | volume of traffic northbound and southbound |
| 9 | during the peak hours? |
| 10 | A. That's correct, but they change |
| 11 | directions, of course. |
| 12 | Q. In any event, let's talk about the |
| 13 | proposed development. Tell us your understanding |
| 14 | of the proposed development. |
| 15 | A. Well, since the use is permitted in |
| 16 | the zone there is really no need for a traffic |
| 17 | study but we just did a traffic study to indicate |
| 18 | that there is really no impact on the existing |
| 19 | conditions. This particular site which we |
| 20 | classify as a mid-rise apartment building has 59 |
| 21 | units, 47 two bedrooms and 12 single bedroom |
| 22 | apartments. So based on the data that has been |
| 23 | collected over the years by the profession and |
| 24 | has been compiled by the Institute of Traffic |

hours?

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| 1 | has been updated every five, ten years and now |
| 2 | currently we have we are using the eighth |
| 3 | edition which was published in 2009, based on the |
| 4 | data that has been collected for similar sites |
| 5 | across the country this particular development is |
| 6 | going to generate the traffic that has been |
| 7 | tabulated on page 8 of my report. |
| 8 | Q. So, you used the ITE manual for trip |
| 9 | generation, correct? |
| 10 | A. That's correct. |
| 11 | Q. The eighth edition is the most |
| 12 | current edition |
| 13 | A. That's the most current edition. |
| 14 | Q. And utilizing this compendium of |
| 15 | studies nationwide and analysis you're able to |
| 16 | determine and project the activity of vehicle |
| 17 | movements on and off the site at given times, |
| 18 | correct? |
| 19 | A. That's correct. |
| 20 | Q. So stated very briefly in the |
| 21 | morning you're able to evaluate or project how |
| 22 | many vehicle movements will go on and off the |
| 23 | site during the peak hours in the morning and |

you're able to do the same thing for the evening

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| 1 | A. That's correct. |
| 2 | Q. And those peak hours would be the |
| 3 | same as you articulated seven to nine in the |
| 4 | morning and four to six in the evening? |
| 5 | A. That's correct. |
| 6 | Q. Because it's a residential project? |
| 7 | A. That's correct. |
| 8 | Q. Now being that there are 59 units |
| 9 | all together, not all two bedrooms, and you're |
| LO | familiar with the number of parking spaces, you |
| L1 | can do that projection? |
| L2 | A. Yes, based on the ITE trip |
| L3 | generation rates we can project the number of |
| .4 | trips that this development will generate. |
| L 5 | Q. And tell us where it is in the |
| L6 | report and tell us what your projection is. |
| L 7 | A. Yes, it's on page 8 under the |
| L 8 | heading Traffic Generation and Distribution. |
| L9 | Again, this is just for one hour during a morning |
| 20 | peak and one hour during the afternoon peak which |
| 1 | coincides with the neak hours that we did a study |

Q. So now in this --

earlier.

25 MR. MUHLSTOCK: Excuse me. One hour

of those two intersections that we discussed

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| 1 | 11-17-10 Appleview or two hours? |
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| 2 | THE WITNESS: One hour. |
| 3 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: So the trip |
| 4 | generation at page 8 |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: That's correct. |
| 6 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: that I'm looking |
| 7 | at, what hour is this? It says a.m. peak hour, |
| 8 | what hour? |
| 9 | THE WITNESS: It's a.m. peak which |
| 10 | was from seven to eight. |
| 11 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: All right. Seven to |
| 12 | eight? |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 14 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Not seven to nine. |
| 15 | And what's the p.m. peak hour? |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: The p.m. peak is five |
| 17 | to six. |
| 18 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: So it's just one |
| 19 | hour not two? |
| 20 | THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm sorry, I'll |
| 21 | correct that, the a.m. is 7:30 to 8:30. |
| 22 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: 7:30 to 8:30. |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: So during the a.m. |
| 24 | peak based on again ITE trip generation rates for |
| 25 | mid-rise apartment buildings we expect 12 trips |
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| 1 | during the a.m. and 18 trips during the p.m. |
| 2 | Q. Now, the trip is each movement |
| 3 | A. Each movement either coming to the Page 60 |

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4 site or leaving the site. And then further IT also provides distribution of those trips meaning 5 6 how many of them are coming to the site and how many are leaving the site. So in this case for 7 8 the morning there will be four coming into the 9 building and eight leaving the site. Of course this is your projection 10 Q. based on these analysis, correct? 11 12 Based on this analysis. Α. 13 The building is not built yet, so we Q. 14 don't know exactly what will happen? That's correct. 15 Α. with regard to the next line on the 16 0. grid, you make a reference to transit use credit 17 10 percent. What is that? 18 Okay. The trips that I just 19 Α. 20 mentioned which are on the first row of the table are if there are no transit use at all, it's 21 purely cars. But as I mentioned earlier, since 22 23 River Road has about four or five bus lines and is close to the Hudson Bergen Light Rail and is 24 25 easily accessible to other railroads in the Celeste A. Galbo, CCR, RMR 67 Izadmehr - Direct 1 region, we can take credit for public transportation. 2 Did you take credit for the ferry? 3 Q. 4

Α. No.

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Q. At Author's Landing?

| 6 | A. By the way the credit that we took |
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| 7 | is a minimum just to be conservative. |
| 8 | Q. What is your authority to take this |
| 9 | credit and put it into your report? |
| 10 | A. Again, ITE. ITE recommends certain |
| 11 | percentages as a credit for utilizing public |
| 12 | transportation. So in this case we took a 10 |
| 13 | percent credit which translate to either one or |
| 14 | two trips. And the net result is indicated in |
| 15 | the last row of the table which is 10 in the |
| 16 | morning, 10 trips and 16 trips in the afternoon. |
| 17 | Q. Using the ITE manual and studies, |
| 18 | would you be entitled to use a higher transit use |
| 19 | credit given the characteristics of the bus lines |
| 20 | and the railroad transportation in the near |
| 21 | vicinity? |
| 22 | A. That's correct, we could use as high |
| 23 | as 30 percent. |
| 24 | Q. But you used the 10 percent? |
| 25 | A. 10 percent. |
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| 1 | Q. Is that a conservative |
| 2 | A. Very conservative. |
| 3 | Q measure in your mine? |
| 4 | A. That's correct. |
| 5 | Q. And so then your projection of |
| 6 | activity with a very conservative credit for |
| 7 | transit gives you the net number of what you are |
| 8 | projecting, correct? Page 62 |

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| 9 | A. That's correct. |
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| 10 | Q. Your field is not an exact science, |
| 11 | is it? |
| 12 | A. No, it's not. |
| 13 | Q. It's a projection based upon |
| 14 | empirical studies, based upon analyses throughout |
| 15 | the nation, based upon your own observations and |
| 16 | based upon your collected experience, correct? |
| 17 | A. That's correct, and also based on |
| 18 | passed data collections by traffic engineers |
| 19 | across the country. |
| 20 | Q. And is it reliable? |
| 21 | A. Yes. |
| 22 | Q. And how accurate would you say these |
| 23 | projections are? |
| 24 | A. Well, as the projections become |
| 25 | reality, of course this data gets updated. So |
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| 1 | that's why we are in the eighth edition, we are |
| 2 | not using the first edition. So the data is |
| 3 | pretty accurate and reliable and not only this |
| 4 | planning board but almost all the boards in the |
| 5 | country are relying on ITE trip generations |
| 6 | studies. |
| 7 | Q. Now, when you go on beyond page 8 |
| 8 | into the next pages you talk about traffic |
| 9 | generation at Hudson Point. What do you mean by |
| 10 | that? |

| 11 | 11-17-10 Appleview A. Okay, when we started collecting | |
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| 12 | data we contacted the township as well as the | |
| 13 | county to find out if there are any major | |
| 14 | development in the vicinity of the site so that | |
| 15 | we could also take into account the future | |
| 16 | traffic generated by those developments. So we | |
| 17 | were advised that Hudson Point across from the | |
| 18 | site was approved for 24 residential units. | |
| 19 | Q. And that | |
| 20 | A. And then we projected the traffic | |
| 21 | for those 24 units and added the traffic to the | |
| 22 | existing traffic on River Road. | |
| 23 | Q. If you look at that analysis which | |
| 24 | is a smaller number of units, it seems to have | |
| 25 | almost the same, maybe even more | |
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| 1 | THE CHAIRMAN: It has more. | |
| 2 | MR. ALAMPI: I'm going to ask the | |
| 3 | question. | |
| 4 | THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry. | |
| 5 | MR. ALAMPI: Let me do my job. | |
| 6 | Q. So it would seem that several people | |
| 7 | in the room would question that? | |
| 8 | A. Sure. | |
| 9 | Q. And why would a smaller building | |
| 10 | have a higher projection than yours? | |
| 11 | A. Because | |
| 12 | Q. Let me ask the question, are you | |
| 13 | undercounting your projection at the subject site Page 64 | |

| 14 | or what, what's going on? |
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| 15 | A. No, this is the same rate I'm |
| 16 | sorry, the same source of the use for the first |
| 17 | table projections, this is again ITE but these |
| 18 | are condominiums or townhouses, they are only one |
| 19 | floor, so ITE has higher trip rates associated |
| 20 | Q. So those are town homes? |
| 21 | A. Those are town homes, yes. |
| 22 | Q. They might be larger sized units? |
| 23 | A. That's correct, and they're only one |
| 24 | floor by the way as opposed to us which is four |
| 25 | floors. |
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| 1 | Q. So there may be less number of units |
| 2 | but the units may contain more people and more |
| 3 | vehicles per unit? |
| 4 | A. That's correct. |
| 5 | Q. And that |
| 6 | A. That is based on the data that the |
| 7 | ITE has complied those units of that type |
| 8 | generate more trips then the mid-rise apartment |
| 9 | building. |
| 10 | Q. Okay. And then your next grid |
| 11 | analysis 8.4 you're referring to River Road |
| 12 | traffic patterns weekday peak hours. Could you |
| 13 | just explain this? |
| 14 | A. Yes, those basically are taken from |
| 15 | the data we have collected at those two |

| 16 | 11-17-10 Appleview intersections. Basically it shows the |
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| 17 | distribution of traffic on River Road for a.m. |
| 18 | and p.m. peak in southbound and northbound |
| 19 | directions. |
| 20 | Q. When you say distribution, you're |
| 21 | saying that there's two directions so you break |
| 22 | down the volume by each direction? |
| 23 | A. That's correct. So as you can see |
| 24 | they add up to 100. For example, during the |
| 25 | morning peak hour there is 914 cars going north |
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| 1 | and 1600 almost going south. So that translates |
| 2 | into 36 percent of the traffic is going north and |
| 3 | 64 percent is going south. |
| 4 | Q. So here's the question, two-thirds |
| 5 | that of the traffic at that point is going south? |
| 6 | A. That's correct. |
| 7 | Q. Are they going to the Lincoln Tunnel |
| 8 | and Holland Tunnel? |
| 9 | A. Lincoln Tunnel, Holland Tunnel, |
| 10 | maybe using Route 3 going west or using Route 495 |
| 11 | eventually connecting to Route 3. |
| 12 | Q. But only one-third is going north? |
| 13 | A. One-third is going north, that's |
| 14 | correct, a little bit more than one-third, yes. |
| 15 | Q. Okay. |
| 16 | A. But the p.m. is interesting, the |
| 17 | distribution changes, it does not completely |
| 18 | reverse itself. 56 and a half percent go north Page 66 |

| 19 | in the p.m. but 43 and a half percent go south. |
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| 20 | Q. Yeah, that's curious, so do you have |
| 21 | any thoughts on that? |
| 22 | A. That's pretty normal. What happened |
| 23 | people change their route, you know, for the a.m. |
| 24 | and p.m., maybe a.m. is Lincoln Tunnel is better, |
| 25 | p.m. George Washington is better, maybe they come |
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| 1 | from that side. So all a.m. leave but they don't |
| 2 | come during that particular hour, you know, which |
| 3 | is the afternoon peak for River Road, maybe they |
| 4 | come earlier or they come later but they change |
| 5 | their routes. |
| 6 | Q. Now, the next section 9 is traffic |
| 7 | impact. Just explain to us what the significance |
| 8 | of the next few pages in section 9 traffic impact |
| 9 | just tell us overall what you're attempting to |
| 10 | explain? |
| 11 | A. There the procedure again is that we |
| 12 | use the existing data that we collect, then we |
| 13 | take into account other developments that we know |
| 14 | of which will impact the site, the traffic in the |
| 15 | proximity of the site and then we use New Jersey |
| 16 | Department of Transportation projections or the |
| 17 | county traffic projections because it takes a |
| 18 | couple of years after you get approval to build a |
| 19 | project. So in this case we are projecting if |

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this board approves this project for this

| 21 | 11-17-10 Appleview building to be up and running by 2012. And since |
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| 22 | we collected our traffic back in that 2008 then |
| 23 | we built onto it, onto the existing traffic 1 |
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| 25 | percent growth for every year. So basically we increased that base traffic which was collected |
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| 1 | in 2008 by one percent for every year from 2008 |
| 2 | to 2012. |
| 3 | Q. Why do you select one percent for |
| 4 | each year? |
| 5 | A. That's the projection which is |
| 6 | assigned for this area of Hudson County. |
| 7 | Q. Assigned by who? |
| 8 | A. By New Jersey department of |
| 9 | Transportation and/or Hudson County. |
| 10 | Q. And so this section 9 tells us the |
| 11 | flow of vehicles or the volume of vehicles or the |
| 12 | capacity of the road to handle that traffic? |
| 13 | A. No, this road basically this |
| 14 | table shows us the level of service for existing |
| 15 | conditions and the built year which in this case |
| 16 | is 2012 we without the traffic generated by our |
| 17 | site. And then we combine the two, the built |
| 18 | year which is the projected traffic from the base |
| 19 | year which in this case was 2008 by adding our |
| 20 | projected traffic to the built year which creates |
| 21 | our future traffic once the project is built and |
| 22 | open. |
| 23 | Q. Now Page 68 |
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| 24 | A. So then we perform that same level |
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| 25 | of service analysis that we discussed based on |
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| 1 | again the procedures in the manual on highway |
| 2 | capacity and we see what the level of services |
| 3 | are. |
| 4 | So in this case we can say |
| 5 | northbound level of service goes from A to a B. |
| 6 | So there is minimal impact in terms of the delay, |
| 7 | the delay is increased from 8.9 seconds to 10.7 |
| 8 | seconds. So roughly we have two more second |
| 9 | average delay for that particular movement at |
| 10 | that intersection of River and Ferry Road. |
| 11 | THE CHAIRMAN: Question. |
| 12 | THE WITNESS: Yes? |
| 13 | THE CHAIRMAN: In 9.1 you mention a |
| 14 | left turn into Admiral's Walk and at Admiral's |
| 15 | walk is approximately 300 feet south of this? |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 17 | THE CHAIRMAN: What are you actually |
| 18 | referring to, not Admiral's Walk? |
| 19 | THE WITNESS: In the middle of River |
| 20 | Road there is a fifth lane. |
| 21 | MR. McGRATH: It's got to be the |
| 22 | condominium that's in Guttenberg. |
| 23 | Q. Bahman, you're referring to |
| 24 | Admiral's Walk we believe that you're mistaken |
| 25 | that that's not the name? |

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| 1 | A. I realize that, yes. |
| 2 | Q. The chairman is asking you do you |
| 3 | recall what the name of the project is? |
| 4 | A. I don't. |
| 5 | MR. McGRATH: There was 140 |
| 6 | condominiums built in Guttenberg just kind of |
| 7 | opposite Ferry Road approximately five or six |
| 8 | years ago. That's what he's referring to. |
| 9 | A. It was |
| 10 | MR .McGRATH: Jacob's Ferry further |
| 11 | south and it has a different name in Guttenberg |
| 12 | and it eludes me. |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: Yeah, I think it was |
| 14 | mentioned Bulls Ferry. |
| 15 | MR. McGRATH: But that's what he's |
| 16 | referring to, it's not Admiral's Walk. |
| 17 | THE WITNESS: I think the initial |
| 18 | name might have been Admiral's Walk. |
| 19 | MR. McGRATH: I don't think so |
| 20 | because Admiral's Walk has been in Edgewater for |
| 21 | years further up the road. |
| 22 | Q. So everyone in the room except you |
| 23 | by mistake were referring by the wrong name but |
| 24 | this is the project that you were meaning to |

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That's correct.

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- Izadmehr Direct 1 And so with this traffic impact Q. 2 section, this chapter nine, you're discussing the 3 volume of traffic on River Road at these points just north and south of the subject property 4 5 between these two intersection points? 6 The table that I'm referring on page Α. 7 10 is actually for intersection of River Road and 8 Ferry Road. 9 Q. okay. 10 Α. Which is to the south of the subject And the next table on page 11 is for River 11 12 Road and Hospital Driveway. Here we do a 13 comparison of the level of services for the 14 existing conditions and for the combined built which means the future. 15
- Q. Well, combined built is a term of art. What do you mean by combined built?
- A. Okay, in 2008 we collected the data.

 Then we use the projection rates of one percent
 in increasing traffic to bring it up to today's
 traffic -- I'm sorry, today built year which in
 this case will be 2012. So that will be the
- 23 built year or the future traffic.

Q.

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- 25 A. Minus, minus basically the traffic

We understand that.

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1 that the project will generate. Then we add the Page 71

| 2 | 11-17-10 Appleview traffic that this project and the project across |
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| 3 | the street will generate. |
| 4 | Q. Show us where you've added your |
| 5 | projection for this project and also incorporated |
| 6 | the projects across the street that you're |
| 7 | referring to. Where did you draw that drawings? |
| 8 | A. Those are shown, they're shown in |
| 9 | figures. I'll call your attention to Figure 3 in |
| 10 | the attachment section of the report towards the |
| 11 | middle of the report. |
| 12 | Q. Towards the middle of the report you |
| 13 | have a series of figures? |
| 14 | A. Figures. |
| 15 | Q. You referring to a sheet that's |
| 16 | referred to as Figure 3 dated June 2010; is that |
| 17 | correct? |
| 18 | A. That's correct. |
| 19 | Q. And could you just show us how to |
| 20 | read this sheet, this figure and what it tells |
| 21 | us? |
| 22 | A. Okay, the orientation of the figure |
| 23 | is from south at the bottom of the figure to the |
| 24 | north at the top of the figure. So the |
| 25 | north-south line which is labeled River Road that |
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| 1 | shows the traffic on River Road at intersection |
| 2 | of Ferry Road at the bottom of the figure, south |
| 3 | of the site, and at the signalized intersection |
| 4 | of Hospital Driveway, Palisades General Hospital Page 72 |

Driveway and River Road which is on the top of

the figure toward the north of the site.

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| 7 | Now, you will see some directional | | | | |
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| 8 | arrows, you know, on top of each number. And you | | | | |
| 9 | will also see letters A and P. A indicating a.m. | | | | |
| 10 | peak hour traffic, and P indicating p.m. traffic, | | | | |
| 11 | peak traffic hour. | | | | |
| 12 | For example, at the bottom of the | | | | |
| 13 | figure where it says River Road, you will see 29 | | | | |
| 14 | and then you will see 57 with an arrow pointing | | | | |
| 15 | to the left. So that means during the a.m. peak | | | | |
| 16 | 29 cars are making a left turn into Ferry Road | | | | |
| 17 | from River Road. And during the p.m. peak 57 | | | | |
| 18 | cars are making that left turn. | | | | |
| 19 | Q. Now, Bahman, at the same time where | | | | |
| 20 | 57 cars would be turning to the left during the | | | | |
| 21 | p.m. peak | | | | |
| 22 | A. Yes. | | | | |
| 23 | Q 1081 vehicles would be going | | | | |
| 24 | straight? | | | | |
| 25 | A. Going straight up on River Road | | | | |
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| 4 | Izadmehr - Direct | | | | |
| 1 | north. So this basically shows the existing peak | | | | |
| 2 | hour traffic for the morning and afternoon hours | | | | |
| 3 | during the times that we collected the data in | | | | |
| 4 | 2008. | | | | |
| 5 | The next page shows the traffic that | | | | |
| 6 | our site will generate. | | | | |
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| 7 | 11-17-10 Appleview Q. Bahman, the next page is referred to |
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| 8 | as Figure 4? |
| 9 | A. The next page, I'm sorry is |
| 10 | referring to Figure 4. Again, is dated June 2010 |
| 11 | with the same configuration except it shows our |
| 12 | driveway, our proposed driveway and also it shows |
| 13 | Hudson Point residential development which has |
| 14 | not been built yet. |
| 15 | Q. Where does it show our driveway? |
| 16 | A. It shows directly above Ferry Road |
| 17 | where it shows the site and it shows two |
| 18 | driveways, one is the entrance driveway which is |
| 19 | directly across from Hudson Point residential |
| 20 | development and a little bit lower than that it |
| 21 | shows the exit driveway right to the right of |
| 22 | Galaxy residential complex. |
| 23 | Q. So if we're looking at the little |
| 24 | square that says site |
| 25 | A. Yes. |
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| 1 | Q and then moving to the line that |
| 2 | depicts River Road |
| 3 | A. That's correct. |
| 4 | Q on the right side of that line it |
| 5 | says 1 A and 6 P with an arrow that points in the |
| 6 | direction of the site, points westerly. What is |
| 7 | that telling us? |
| 8 | A. That's telling us there will be one |
| 9 | in the morning, one vehicle in the morning making Page 74 |

| 10 | a left from River Road to our entrance driveway. | | | | | |
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| 11 | Q. And in the p.m.? | | | | | |
| 12 | A. P.m. six, making that left. And it | | | | | |
| 13 | will also show the turning movement to be | | | | | |
| 14 | expected from Hudson Point residential | | | | | |
| 15 | development? | | | | | |
| 16 | Q. And if we are going in the | | | | | |
| 17 | southbound direction I see 2 A and 4 P, what does | | | | | |
| 18 | that mean? | | | | | |
| 19 | A. It means two vehicles will be | | | | | |
| 20 | turning from River Road into our entrance | | | | | |
| 21 | driveway during the morning peak hour and four | | | | | |
| 22 | cars making the same turn during the p.m. peak | | | | | |
| 23 | hour. | | | | | |
| 24 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Shouldn't this | | | | | |
| 25 | Figure 4 line up with your page 8 chart? | | | | | |
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| 1 | THE WITNESS: Which chart, I'm | | | | | |
| 2 | sorry? | | | | | |
| 3 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Your chart on page 8 | | | | | |
| 4 | which was the traffic generation | | | | | |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: Yeah. | | | | | |
| 6 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: into the subject | | | | | |
| 7 | , | | | | | |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: But this is | | | | | |
| 9 | distributed. This shows from all directions | | | | | |
| 10 | coming to the site, but that just gives you the | | | | | |
| 11 | total number of trips this site will generate. | | | | | |

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| 12 | THE CHAIRMAN: No, no, no. |
| 13 | Q. Now, Bahman, you said this and that. |
| 14 | A. Yes. |
| 15 | Q. Not only can I not read that back |
| 16 | next month in the transcript but I don't know |
| 17 | what you're talking about. So you answered Mr. |
| 18 | Muhlstock, you looked at Figure 4 and then he |
| 19 | asked you to reconcile that with your grid on |
| 20 | page 8. |
| 21 | A. That's correct. |
| 22 | Q. How do you reconcile? |
| 23 | A. Figure 4 shows the distribution of |
| 24 | the trips that will be generated by the site on |
| 25 | River Road and Ferry Road and in this case there |
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| 15 | right. | |
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| 16 | | THE WITNESS: No, but if you look at |
| 17 | the bottom o | f the table on page 8, the net trips |
| 18 | after taking | credit for transit use is three. |
| 19 | | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Okay. |
| 20 | | THE WITNESS: Therefore two plus one |
| 21 | is three. | |
| 22 | | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Okay. |
| 23 | Q. | So now we understand |
| 24 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 25 | Q. | that the Figure 4 is the activity |
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| 1 | | he site with the transit use credit |
| 2 | | the bottom line what you call the |
| 3 | net? | |
| 4 | Α. | Net, that's correct. |
| 5 | Q. | And if you were to go through each |
| 6 | | uld you likewise show that these are |
| 7 | correlated? | |
| 8 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 9 | Q. | Okay. |
| 10 | | MR. MUHLSTOCK: Okay. |
| 11 | Q. | And that's what was confusing the |
| 12 | board. We d | on't all know how to read these |
| 13 | grids. | |
| 14 | Α. | Yes. |
| 15 | Q. | Thank you. |
| 16 | | I was bringing you through this |
| | | |

| 17 | 11-17-10 Appleview section 9 and I think I'm done with that. |
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| 18 | The next section of your report you |
| 19 | refer to gap study. Tell us what a gap study is |
| 20 | and what it's purpose is? Why do you do this |
| 21 | analysis? |
| 22 | A. Very simple, gap study as the name |
| 23 | implies we go out there to the site and measure |
| 24 | the existing gap which means the time difference |
| 25 | or the time difference between two cars two |
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| 1 | successive arrivals of two cars. So we stand at |
| 2 | the proposed driveway on River Road and then a |
| 3 | car passes by going south, let's say. We measure |
| 4. | the time that the car passes that given point. |
| 5 | And then we measure the arrival of the next car |
| 6 | or the follow car, the car behind the first car. |
| 7 | Let's say we use a stopwatch. |
| 8 | Q. You use a stopwatch? |
| 9 | A. Yes. So let's say 15 seconds later |
| 10 | or 20 seconds later the next car arrives. So the |
| 11 | deference between the two successive arrivals of |
| 12 | a given direction for a given movement is called |
| 13 | gap. |
| 14 | Q. And do you take into account the |
| 15 | speed, the respective speed of each vehicle? |
| 16 | A. No, just purely on the time |
| 17 | differences between two arrivals. |
| 18 | Q. Do you assume that they're doing the |
| 19 | speed limit that's posted? Page 78 |

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| 20 | A. Well, we don't measure the speed |
| 21 | limit at all, no, we don't. We just basically |
| 22 | measure the actual gaps that exist in the traffic |
| 23 | stream between two successive drivers for a given |
| 24 | movement. |
| 25 | Then of course there is a critical |
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| 1 | gap which depends on the type of movement. For |
| 2 | example, a left turn usually takes about seven |
| 3 | seconds for a roadway of this type. But in this |
| 4 | case since we have that center hatch, the center |
| 5 | median which is either hatched or which is |
| 6 | converted to a left turn lane in either direction |
| 7 | going north or going south, and we are proposing |
| 8 | to continue that so we will have an exclusive |
| 9 | left turn lane in the middle of the River Road |
| 10 | which would be utilized by cars entering the site |
| 11 | or exiting the site. So if you are approaching |
| 12 | the site from the south going north you could |
| 13 | move to that center median, the striped center |
| 14 | median and wait for an acceptable gap in the |
| 15 | traffic going sought before you make your left |
| 16 | turn into the entrance driveway. |
| 17 | Q. Now, this design exists now or this |
| 18 | is what you're proposing? |
| 19 | A. This design does not exist but has |
| 20 | been approved by Hudson County for the project |
| 21 | I'm sorry I forgot the name, the boat? |

| 22 | 11-17-10 Appleview Q. Bulls Ferry? |
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| 23 | A. Yes and for us. It's been approved |
| 24 | for both projects. |
| 25 | |
| 23 | Q. When you say it's been approved for |
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| 1 | us, you're saying that the earlier application |
| 2 | for a larger building had worked its way down to |
| 3 | the county planning board and county transit |
| 4 | review and traffic review, correct? |
| 5 | A. That's correct. |
| 6 | Q. And so that larger project then |
| 7 | received approval for this design? |
| 8 | A. That's correct. |
| 9 | Q. You are of course in the process of |
| 10 | proceeding with this revised plan and likewise |
| 11 | processing that at the county level at this time, |
| 12 | correct? |
| 13 | A. That's correct. And, again, this is |
| 14 | a trend on River Road so any time there is a |
| 15 | development they do install that left turn lane |
| 16 | in the middle of the road. Again, is a dual left |
| 17 | so you could utilize it for making left in either |
| 18 | side of River Road from either direction. |
| 19 | Q. Is this design advantageous to the |
| 20 | general public and to the users of the property? |
| 21 | A. Yes, yes. Yes. |
| 22 | Q. And how is it advantageous? |
| 23 | A. Because if you are exiting the |
| 24 | subject site or any development on that site Page 80 |

25 trying to make a left turn, you don't have to

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- 1 cross three lanes at the same time. So you only
 2 have to find gap in one direction either
 3 southbound or northbound before you make your
 4 left turn.
 - So you would come and you would stay in the middle lane and then when you will look at your rear mirror as well as to turning your head and look at the -- look at your side, to your right side to make sure there is no car coming behind you before you change lane and move to the middle lane or to the right lane.
 - Q. Now, this gap study or gap analysis helps you to project whether there will be reasonable or sufficient time for a vehicle to make the turning motion on and off the road?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And that's the importance of that?
- A. That's the importance of it and we
 have compiled the data for gap study both for
 northbound and southbound for both entering
 vehicles into the site and exiting vehicles from
- the site.
- Q. Can you tell the board where that gap study analysis is in your appendix or study?
- 25 A. The gap study is on page 12 under

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| 1 | the heading paragraph number 10 or the subheading |
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| 2 | number 10 Gap Study, and it is continued on page |
| 3 | 13 and also associated raw data are included |
| 4 | almost at the end of the report under Gap Study |
| 5 | for Morning Peak Hour which unfortunately there |
| 6 | is no page number but it's Gap Study Morning Peak |
| 7 | Hour Traffic, the title of the table which is |
| 8 | followed by the Evening Peak Hour Traffic Gap |
| 9 | Study and then there is one was done on a Tuesday |
| 10 | on February 13, 2007, the next one was done for |
| 11 | the evening peak hour traffic on February 13, |
| 12 | 2007, and another one was done on February 15th, |
| 13 | 2007 during the morning peak hour and we did |
| 1 4 | another one on the same day on February 15, 2007 |
| 15 | for the evening peak hour. So we did actually |
| 16 | four gap studies, two for the morning, two for |
| 17 | the afternoon. |
| 18 | Q. Now, these studies are more than |
| 19 | three years olds? |
| 20 | A. Yes. |
| 21 | Q. Why are they still relevant? |
| 22 | A. well, because this basically |
| 23 | indicates a traffic pattern on River Road and as |
| 24 | I said earlier, the traffic actually has |
| 25 | decreased on River Road even though if it changed |

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stayed the same or increased still you will find

these gaps because the gaps are not only a

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| 3 | function of traffic volume, but are also a |
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| 4 | function of traffic control devices, namely in |
| 5 | this case two traffic signals which are at either |
| 6 | end of the site. So the traffic signals actually |
| 7 | stop traffic and then start traffic. So by that |
| 8 | start and stop process you create gaps in traffic |
| 9 | volumes on River Road. |
| 10 | Q. When you say he that stop traffic, |
| 11 | of course they stop traffic on the main road for |
| 12 | a short interval to allow a release of traffic |
| 13 | from the side. |
| 14 | A. From the side, yeah. |
| 15 | Q. But it still controls it creates |
| 16 | gaps in traffic? |
| 17 | A. It still creates because there is a |
| 18 | delay associated every time we change the right |
| 19 | away assignment at a traffic signal. |
| 20 | Q. Did you have an opportunity to |
| 21 | analyze or observe the signalization itself as |
| 22 | far as the timing of the lights and the sequence |
| 23 | of those two traffic lights? |
| 24 | A. Sure. |
| 25 | Q. Can you tell us what you found? |
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| 1 | THE CHAIRMAN: If I may, for just a |
| 2 | moment, Mr. Alampi, how much longer do you |

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| 3 | 11-17 anticipate? | 7-10 Appleview |
| 4 | MR. ALAMPI | I: I think about less than |
| 5 | 15 minutes. | |
| 6 | THE CHAIR | MAN: Okay. |
| 7 | MR. ALAMP | I: If you want to take a |
| 8 | break, chairman | |
| 9 | THE CHAIR | MAN: No, I want to finish. |
| LO | MR. ALAMPI | I: I should bring it to a |
| L1 | conclusion in short fas | shion. |
| L2 | THE CHAIR | MAN: Okay. |
| L3 | Q. So you did | d have the opportunity to |
| L4 | observe and analyze the | e signals? |
| L5 | A. Oh, sure. | |
| L6 | Q. Of each in | ntersection? |
| L <i>7</i> | A. Yes. | |
| L8 | Q. And are th | ney controlled in a way |
| L9 | that you could explain | to us? |
| 20 | A. Yes. Acti | ually they are in the |
| 21 | report. We have to kno | ow how the traffic signals |
| 22 | are operating, what the | e signal lengths are, the |
| 23 | duration of the cycle. | |
| 24 | Q. Is that i | າ your report? |
| 25 | A. Yes. | |
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| 1 | Q. Just tell | us where it is so the |
| 2 | board | |
| 3 | A. It is on | page 4 of the report under |
| 4 | the heading of Roadways | 5. |
| 5 | Q. When I asl | k you to tell us where it Page 84 |

| 6 | is, we can all read the headings. What I'm | |
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| 7 | looking for is where do you have the raw data to | |
| 8 | support those studies, if you have it at all? | |
| 9 | A. Well, there is no raw data, it's | |
| 10 | basically a description of how the signals are | |
| 11 | operating and whether they are assigned phasing | |
| 12 | time for those roads. | |
| 13 | Q. Okay. In the back of your report I | |
| 14 | note that you have attached what looks like bus | |
| 15 | schedules? | |
| 16 | A. Yes. | |
| 17 | Q. And is that just to show the board | |
| 18 | that there are bus routes that are actively | |
| 19 | servicing River Road? | |
| 20 | A. Exactly. This is just a sample bus | |
| 21 | schedule that we received from New Jersey | |
| 22 | Transit. | |
| 23 | Q. Now, Bahman, overall you also have | |
| 24 | some raw data showing the total volume of traffic | |
| 25 | throughout the 24 hour cycle; is that correct? | |
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| 1 | A. No. | |
| 2 | Q. What is it? | |
| 3 | A. No, we only have the data compiled | |
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| <u>-</u> | in those appendixes for peak periods in the | |
| 5 | morning and the afternoon on various times and | |
| 6 | days for those two intersections that we | |
| 7 | discussed. | |

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| 8 | Q. And now, drawing to the conclusion |
| 9 | on page 13 you draw a conclusion. Firstly, could |
| 10 | you describe what impact the development of this |
| 11 | 59 unit residential complex will have by way of |
| 12 | traffic volume or traffic impact to the level of |
| 13 | service or capacity of River Road? |
| 14 | A. Of course there will be traffic |
| 15 | impact from this development for 24 hours a day |
| 16 | if they select to use to enter or exit their |
| 17 | apartment units during the off peak hours, but we |
| 18 | as traffic engineers are concerned about peak |
| 19 | hour periods. So we discussed that during the |
| 20 | morning rush hour we won't expect more than 10 |
| 21 | trips generated by the site and during the p.m. |
| 22 | peak 16. So that's the extent of the traffic |
| 23 | impact being associated with this 59 unit |
| 24 | residential. |
| 25 | Q. Can you characterize it as to |
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| 1 | whether it will be a one percent, 2 percent, a |
| 2 | half a percent, one-tenth of one percent? |
| 3 | A. Will be roughly one percent one |
| 4 | to two percent of the traffic on River Road. |
| 5 | Q. And with regards to the parking, you |
| 6 | indicate parking on the site is adequate. Did |
| 7 | you look at the ordinance requirements and the |
| 8 | RSIS requirements for this building? |
| 9 | A. Yes, I did. |
| 10 | Q. Do we meet those standards? Page 86 |

| 11 | A. We meet the standard and also we |
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| 12 | meet the ADA requirements. |
| 13 | Q. With regard to the size of the |
| 14 | parking stalls, the distribution of the stalls, |
| 15 | guests parking, handicapped spaces and the drive |
| 16 | aisles do we meet all those requirements |
| 17 | standards? |
| 18 | A. We meet all the standards of the |
| 19 | township but RSIS requires nine foot stalls but |
| 20 | we have limited number of stalls with $8-1/2$ foot |
| 21 | width. |
| 22 | Q. And |
| 23 | A. Which, again, which is in compliance |
| 24 | with the township ordinance. |
| 25 | Q. With regard to the truck traffic to |
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| 1 | be associated, did you do any studies regarding |
| 2 | the type of trucks that would be coming to the |
| 3 | site from time to time and do any templates for |
| 4 | turning radius and did you do any analysis? |
| 5 | A. We did a template for, again, a |
| 6 | single unit truck, truck that you would see for |
| 7 | deliveries and for garbage collection. That was |
| 8 | the extent of |
| 9 | Q. You say a single unit truck. There |
| 10 | are different size trucks that are studied in |
| 11 | these various manuals and software that does an |
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| 13 | 11-17-10 Appleview turning, correct? |
| 14 | A. Yes. |
| 15 | Q. So what when you say single, what |
| 16 | did you call it |
| 17 | A. Single unit trucks, that means they |
| 18 | are not trailers. |
| 19 | Q. These would be like a UPS truck? |
| 20 | A. Like a UPS or a FedEx or garbage |
| 21 | trucks. |
| 22 | Q. So you didn't do an analysis with |
| 23 | tractor trailers on this site? |
| 24 | A. Oh, no. The site is not designed |
| 25 | for tractor trailers and there is no need for it |
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| 1 | anyway. |
| 2 | Q. And with regard to your report about |
| 3 | ample site visibility or motorists exiting the |
| 4 | site and such, what did you do? Did you do any |
| 5 | kind of site distance study or site triangle? |
| 6 | A. Yes, we followed the standards |
| 7 | spelled in actually the American Association of |
| 8 | State Highway Officials Handbook. |
| 9 | Q. That's AASTHOH? |
| 10 | A. AASTHOH, which is a geometric design |
| 11 | policy adopted by all 50 states which is again |
| 12 | being approved by the federal government so we |
| 13 | follow the criteria in AASTHOH for sight distance |
| 14 | and both are driveways, the entering driveway and |
| 15 | exit driveway meets those standards. |

| 16 | Q. Do you know whether or not there |
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| 17 | were any diagrams on any of the plans generated |
| 18 | by Bertin Engineering that show that analysis? |
| 19 | A. No, because there was really no |
| 20 | reason to show that diagram because the site is |
| 21 | clear, there is no obstruction. So normally we |
| 22 | would show it if there is any obstruction, either |
| 23 | to the north or to the south of the exiting |
| 24 | driveway. |
| 25 | Q. But you did do the analysis? |
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| 1 | A. We did the analysis. We did not see |
| 2 | any problem whatsoever. |
| 3 | Q. Since you didn't show it on the |
| 4 | diagram, would you shows how you did the |
| 5 | analysis? |
| 6 | A. Basically in this case the concern |
| 7 | is only about the exit driveway. So you come to |
| 8 | a stop sign or a stop line and you should be able |
| 9 | to look to your left, which is in this case |
| 10 | looking north on River Road, and to look to your |
| 11 | south which is looking to your right. |
| 12 | Q. Come back to the mike, Bahman. |
| 13 | A. Okay. |
| 14 | Q. So when you say you should be able |
| 15 | to do it, did you go out there and do that? |
| 16 | A. Well, the driveways don't exist now |
| 17 | but we looked at the site of course and we did |
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| | 11-17-10 Appleview not see any obstruction within the limits of the | | |
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| 18 | not see any obstruction within the limits of the | | |
| 19 | site distance from the driveway. | | |
| 20 | Q. And you've been on the site? | | |
| 21 | A. I have been on the site several | | |
| 22 | times, yes. | | |
| 23 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: How far do you have | | |
| 24 | to be able to see along the county road in each | | |
| 25 | direction coming out of the proposed driveways? | | |
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| 1 | THE WITNESS: For this particular | | |
| 2 | roadway with a speed limit of 40 miles per hour | | |
| 3 | it's about three to 400 feet. | | |
| 4 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: 400 feet? | | |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: Yes, to either side. | | |
| 6 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: And then there are | | |
| 7 | no obstructions 400 feet in either direction? | | |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: No. | | |
| 9 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: At the front | | |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: At the proposed | | |
| 11 | driveways. | | |
| 12 | MR. MUHLSTOCK: At the proposed | | |
| 13 | driveways? | | |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: That's right. | | |
| 15 | Q. The River Road at that point going | | |
| 16 | to the north and south is straight? | | |
| 17 | A. It's very straight, that's correct. | | |
| 18 | Q. And flat? | | |
| 19 | A. Relatively flat at the site but as | | |
| 20 | you approach south it gets a little pitch, yes, Page 90 | | |

| 21 | closer | to | Ferry | Road. |
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Q. Thank you. And do you have an opinion overall as to whether or not this development, the traffic generated by this development and the location of the ingress,

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egress driveways along with your opinion as to the site distance required can operate safely and efficiently and properly?

Yes. As I indicated previously, since this proposed project does not require a use variance, so there is really no need for a traffic study but we went beyond the call of duty and prepared a traffic study as well as a gap study and we concluded that the project will have minimal traffic impact. As I said, it will generate maximum 16, 18 cars. So 16, 18 cars compared to 600, 700 cars on River Road is basically nothing. That assuming if all trips are new trips, that means nobody will move from let's say a neighboring block to this site. And we took a minimum credit for excessive public transportation available on River Road, and we indicated that the parking was in compliance with both the township as well as RSIS. And we also are in the discussions with the county for this new application to ask them for that dual left turn into the middle of River Road to improve the

| 23 | 11-17-10 Appleview access to the site and egress from the site. |
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| 24 | Q. Now, you've said several times a |
| 25 | traffic study wasn't required because it's not a |
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| 1 | use variance but you do agree that under the |
| 2 | township's ordinance and their site plan review |
| 3 | process and their checklist, that a traffic |
| 4 | impact study is required and we did perform that? |
| 5 | A. That's correct. |
| 6 | Q. Thank you. |
| 7 | A. You're welcome. |
| 8 | MR. ALAMPI: I have nothing further, |
| 9 | Mr. Chairman. |
| 10 | THE CHAIRMAN: It's now 25 to 10. |
| 11 | Mr. Lamb, I assume you have your normal |
| 12 | cross-exam. |
| 13 | MR. LAMB: It would be the normal, |
| 14 | Mr. Chairman. |
| 15 | THE CHAIRMAN: You're going to have |
| 16 | to bring him back, Mr. Alampi. |
| 17 | MR. ALAMPI: Absolutely. And I |
| 18 | guess Mr. Lamb was clairvoyant because he didn't |
| 19 | think we'd finish in December, and he wasn't |
| 20 | talking about him be verbose, but he was talking |
| 21 | about me. Right? You were counting on this. |
| 22 | MR. LAMB: No comment. |
| 23 | THE CHAIRMAN: In this case he's |
| 24 | probably accurate. |
| 25 | All right. I'll going to call it for |

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| 1 | tonight. Our next meeting then will be at the |
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| 2 | December 7th regular meeting of the planning |
| 3 | board. This will be the second item on the |
| 4 | agenda for that night. |
| 5 | Ladies and gentlemen, you will not |
| 6 | receive new notice, this is your notice I'm |
| 7 | giving you right now. Please make a note on your |
| 8 | calendar, December 7th, 7 p.m. in these chambers. |
| 9 | The Chair will entertain a motion for |
| 10 | adjournment. |
| 11 | MR. LOCRICCHIO: Motion to adjourn. |
| 12 | THE CHAIRMAN: Do we have a second? |
| 13 | MR. ARNONE: I second. |
| 14 | THE CHAIRMAN: Moved and seconded. |
| 15 | All in favor? |
| 16 | (Chorus of ayes.) |
| 17 | THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed? |
| 18 | (No response.) |
| 19 | THE CHAIRMAN: Meeting stands |
| 20 | adjourned. |
| 21 | (Time noted 9:37 p.m.) |
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| 2 | STATE OF NEW JERSEY) |
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| 5 | Court Reporter and Notary Public within and for |
| 6 | the State of New Jersey do hereby certify: |
| 7 | That all the witnesses whose |
| 8 | testimony is hereinbefore set forth, was duly |
| 9 | sworn by me and that such is a true record of the |
| 10 | testimony given by such witnesses. |
| 11 | I further certify that I am not |
| 12 | related to any of the parties to this action by |
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| 14 | interested in the outcome of this matter. |
| 15 | In witness whereof, I have hereunto |
| 16 | set my hand this 1st day of December 2010. |
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