



**Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110**

**2017 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND
2017 Transportation Planning Grant Application
BD-17-1068-1068C-1068L-11234**

APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2017.

Please complete the entire application.

1. **Town of Longmeadow**
NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT
2. **Town Manager's Office**
DEPARTMENT RECEIVING FUNDS
3. **Stephen Crane, Town Manager**
NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS
4. **20 Williams Street Longmeadow, MA 01106**
ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS
5. **413-565-4110 scrane@longmeadow.org**
PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS
6. **Stephen Crane, Town Manager**
NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
7. **Same**
ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
8. **Same**
PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
9. **MGM Springfield**
NAME OF GAMING LICENSEE

1. IMPACT DESCRIPTION

Please describe in detail the transportation related impact that is attributed to the construction or operation of a gaming facility. Please provide support for the determination that the construction or operation of the gaming facility caused, is causing or may cause the impact.

As noted in the Surrounding Community Agreement and associated arbitration award, Longmeadow will be significantly and adversely affected by the operation of the MGM Springfield Casino and that the funds awarded in those documents are insufficient to fully mitigate the impacts on local roads. The SGA also includes a scope of work for the "look back" study to assess future impacts not otherwise contemplated in the upfront and annual payments.

2. PROPOSED USE OF PLANNING FUND

Please identify below the manner in which the funds are proposed to be used. Please provide documentation (e.g. - invoices, proposals, estimates, etc.) adequate for the Commission to ensure that the funds will be used for the cost of planning to mitigate the transportation impact from the construction or operation of a proposed gaming establishment. Please describe how the planning request will address the specific transportation impact indicated. Please attach additional sheets/supplemental materials if necessary.

As the attached scope of work shows, the Town is seeking \$7,200 to retain a consultant/fellow to analyze, organize, and consolidate the various traffic studies that have been performed during the surrounding community process. Task 1 will evaluate the look back baseline study to verify its methodology and findings. Task 2 will compare other traffic studies for non-casino projects, as well as locations studied as part of the surrounding community process, to the look back study and will use this data to inform future impact analyses. Task 3 is not related to the casinos and is not subject to this request.

3. IMPACT CONTROLS/ADMINISTRATION OF IMPACT FUNDS

Please provide detail regarding the controls that will be used to ensure that funds will only be used to plan to address the specific impact. If non-governmental entities will receive any funds, please describe what reporting will be required and how the applicant will remedy any misuse of funds.

The funds will be used to pay a lump sum fee upon delivery of the work product. The deliverable will be submitted to the MGC for proof that funds were not misused. Additionally, the Town has consulted with the Pioneer Valley Plan Commission (PVPC) on this project they do not see any negative impacts for the region and agree it would very beneficial for the town to have a detailed assessment of the initial traffic counts and studies completed to date. PVPC further recommended that the analysis include the I-91 Viaduct Long Range Study; the Town is evaluating that recommendation and may submit a supplemental application in the future.

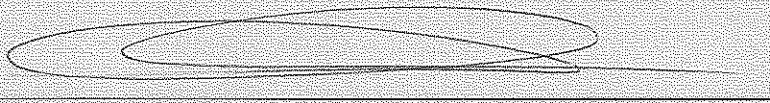
4. RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM HOST OR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS AND MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) DECISION

Please describe and include excerpts regarding the transportation impact and potential mitigation from any relevant sections of any Host or Surrounding Community Agreement. Please also briefly summarize and/or provide page references to the most relevant language included in the most relevant MEPA certificate(s) or comment(s) submitted by the community to MEPA. Please explain how this transportation impact was either anticipated or not anticipated in that Agreement or such MEPA decision. If planning funds are sought for mitigation not required under MEPA, please provide justification why funding should be utilized to plan for such mitigation. For example, a community could provide information on the significance of potential impacts if trip generation totals exceed projected estimates.

Exhibit A of the SGA lists the intersections that have been studied to establish the baseline for the "look back."

CERTIFICATION BY MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

On behalf of the aforementioned municipality/governmental entity I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this Application.



Signature of Responsible Municipal
Official/Governmental Entity

3/1/17

Date

APPROVAL OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

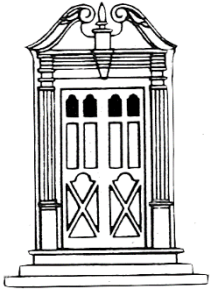
On behalf of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, the Commission hereby authorizes the payment from the Community Mitigation Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c. 23K as outlined in this Application.

Executive Director

Date

Ombudsman

Date



Town of
Longmeadow, Massachusetts

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January 17, 2017

Select Board

Saritha Rakasi
101 Tanglewood Drive
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Dear Saritha:

We are pleased to extend this offer to engage your efforts for providing traffic engineering services in the Town of Longmeadow. Per our recent discussions and your feedback, we have prepared the following scope of services:

TASK #1

- A. Review the 'Draft Report – Springfield MGM Casino & Town of Longmeadow Initial Study' dated October 5, 2015, prepared by CDM Smith. This report, if approved by the Town will eventually serve as a measurement of existing traffic conditions at numerous intersections throughout Town prior to casino opening. Review of this report will include, but not limited to the following tasks:
- Check for consistency between Synchro analysis (traffic model) to traffic counts, actual signal timings (to be observed in the field), growth projections, etc.
 - Review other available traffic impact studies performed throughout Town and compare the data/results from such reports with those of the CDM report. Identify any unreasonable discrepancies should they exist. Particular attention shall be paid toward the 'Three Intersection Improvement Study – Converse Street and Longmeadow Street', prepared by VHB Inc., dated March 2011. And a recent (partially complete) traffic impacted study prepared by Fuss & O'Neill for a proposed land development on Dwight Road.
 - Visit each of the prominently impacted intersections identified in the CDM report during the peak hours noted and record any significant observations.

Deliverable:

Following review of the CDM Smith Draft Report, prepare a bullet format list of comments, questions, and requests for clarification. This list shall be accompanied by a letter addressed to the Town Manager that briefly summarizes your performed work related to the review of the CDM Smith Report. The letter shall include any important discrepancies found and/or recommendations that need to be revised in the report so that in your opinion, the report can be accepted by the Town to serve its intended function.

Fee: \$6,000

TASK #2

- A. Assemble and compile a list of traffic counts from various studies and Town staff efforts previously conducted throughout Longmeadow. Prepare a list of the counts and indicate dates and locations that can be used to compare future counts as part of the look-back study.

Deliverable:

Prepare a list of all traffic counts in an Excel spreadsheet. The list shall include dates, locations, and ADT information.

Fee: \$1,200

TASK #3

- A. Perform an independent third party assessment of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at Longmeadow schools during the morning peak hours. The efforts will include a field visit to all the Longmeadow schools during the morning hours to observe traffic interactions that take place among pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles. Each visit shall include a meeting with an appropriate school official to discuss any known problematic conditions. Observations shall include vehicle queues both on-site and off-site, safety hazards, frequent violations, signage, circulation, etc. The schools include:

- Longmeadow High School
- Glenbrook Middle School
- Williams Middle School
- Blueberry Elementary School
- Wolf Swamp
- Center School

Deliverable:

Prepare a brief 1-page summary of findings for each school. Summaries shall include a brief introduction, noted deficiencies, and possible solutions, that if implemented may improve safety and efficiencies pertaining to traffic. Viable solutions may include additional signage, striping, enforcement, temporary traffic control devices, lane widenings, etc.

Fee: \$500

We are optimistic that you will find this scope of services a good fit with your previous experience and education background. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact my office at (413) 565-4112, or email.

Sincerely,

Stephen Crane - Town Manager