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December 28, 2023

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director
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Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the **Unitarian Universalist Society of Sothern Delaware** (30486 Lewes-Georgetown Highway, Lewes, DE 19958) proposed land use application, which we received on November 14, 2023. This application is for an approximate 5.32-acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 334-5.00-171.00). The parcel is located on south side of Lewes-Georgetown Highway (US Route 9) and approximately 3,100 feet east from the intersection of Dairy Farm Road (Sussex Road 261) and Lewes-Georgetown Highway. The parcel is currently zoned AR-1 (Agricultural Residential District), and the applicant seeks a conditional use approval to place an Electronic Message Sign on the parcel.

Per the 2022 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average and summer average daily traffic volumes along Lewes-Georgetown Highway from Coastal Highway (Delaware Route 1) to Dairy Farm Road is 15,503 and 19,774 vehicles per day, respectively.

Based on our review, we estimate that the above land use will generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day. This number of trips is below DelDOT's minimum warrants for determining that a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should be required for a particular development. DelDOT's regulations specify the minimum TIS warrants as 50 vehicle trips in any hour and/or 500 vehicle trips per day. Because the proposed land use would generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day, we consider the development's traffic impact to be **diminutive** in the context of our agreement with the County regarding land development coordination and we do not recommend that the applicant be required to perform a TIS for the subject application. DelDOT's description of this application as diminutive with regard to warranting a TIS does not mean that it is diminutive in other respects. We recommend that the applicant not be required to perform a TIS for the subject application.



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If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.

Please contact Mr. Philip Lindsey, at philip.lindsey@delaware.gov, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

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