



March 29, 2022

Fatima Ali-Salaam, Chair,  
Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC)

**RE: Response to Comments  
GMNC - Zoning Subcommittee Meeting  
Proposed Taco Bell Restaurant  
1576 Blue Hill Avenue  
Mattapan, Massachusetts 02126**

Dear Fatima Ali-Salaam & Councilors:

Please see Solli Engineering's responses to the comments received during the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council Zoning Subcommittee Meeting held on March 17, 2022, for the above referenced project. A response to each comment is provided in **bold** where applicable.

Comments received during GMNC – Zoning Subcommittee Meeting:

1. Are you working with BTM (Boston Transportation Department)?

**Not yet as the proposed application is in the preliminary stages but we will be coordinating with BTM as the application progresses.**

2. How far is the drive thru exit from the Blue Hill Avenue intersection?

**Ninety (90) feet from the stop bar to the center of the exit driveway. 50<sup>th</sup> percentile queues extend past the driveway during the peak hours and based on the hourly volumes during the off-peak hours will likely operate similarly.**

3. It appears that the exit driveway may be blocked most of the time. Thoughts to address? Should the driveway be a restricted driveway? Vehicles entering the parking lot appears to be a real concern as well as queuing into street. Compares against Wendy's queue of 15 cars.

**A right-out only driveway can be considered. This would require narrowing the exit throat and creating a physical restriction with revised curbing. We have 4 vehicles of stacking from the menu board before we obstruct parking spaces and 10 vehicles of stacking from the menu board to the street.**

4. Is there anything else that can be done to minimize limiting left turn during peak hours?

**Alternative solutions to minimize the left turn during peak hours would be either channelizing for right-out turns only or extending the raised median in the road to extend across our exit driveway.**

Solli Engineering appreciates the design considerations and looks forward to working with the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments.

Respectfully,  
Solli Engineering, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Solli'.

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