



Integrated Waste  
Road & Bridge Operations  
Sonoma County Airport  
Sonoma County Transit

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## Directive Memo

**To:** Milan Nevajada – Deputy Director/Planning Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD)  
**From:** Johannes Hoevertsz, Director  
**Date:** June 17, 2019  
**Re:** Revision to *Guidelines for Traffic Impact Studies* Queuing Language

Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works has revised the *2016 Guidelines for Traffic Impact Studies* queuing threshold for significance.

**Current language:**

Vehicle Queues: Project causes or exacerbates 95th percentile turning movement queues exceeding available turn pocket capacity.

**Proposed language:**

Vehicle Queues: An impact on projected 95th percentile queues shall be considered significant when any of the following occur:

- a. The projected queue can be accommodated within the available stacking in a dedicated turn lane (defined as the length of the channelized turn pocket together plus 8 feet in length) but would exceed the available stacking upon adding project-generated traffic. Where a left-turn lane transitions into a two-way left-turn lane, the center turn lane is to be considered part of the available stacking space.
- b. There is adequate sight distance between the end of the queue and following traffic without the project, and the addition of project traffic increases the queue to a point where sight lines are no longer adequate to meet stopping sight distance criteria.

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