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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

June 10, 2019

Jennifer Ly
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City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Long Beach General Plan Noise Element
Notice of Preparation (NOP)
SCH# 209050009
GTS# 07-LA-2019-02473

Dear Ms. Ly:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed project is a new General Plan Noise Element, which would replace the City's existing 1975 Noise Element. The location of the proposed project encompasses the entire 50 square miles within the limits of the City of Long Beach (excluding Signal Hill).

After reviewing the Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (IS/NOP), Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

However, if future projects contain residential development in close proximity to state facilities (highways), there may be a potential for exposure to noise levels exceeding acceptable standards. Please include necessary changes in zoning, architectural design, and construction requirements. Caltrans will not require nor construct any additional noise mitigation for residential developments near its facilities. Any sound walls or sound reducing measures shall be responsibility of the City and/or developers.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles of State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Mr. Carlo Ramirez, at carlo.ramirez@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02473.

Sincerely,


MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief
Cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse