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> RE: Canyon View Estates Project – Mitigated
> Negative Declaration (MND)
> SCH # 2019089066
> GTS # 07-LA-2019-02781
> Vic. LA-5/PM: R50.766

Dear Ms. Marie Pavlovic:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed project would develop 37 single-family residential lots, two open space lots, one public water quality basin, and five public facility lots (basins). The proposed residential lots would occupy approximately 11.09 acres of the Project site. The remaining improved areas of the project site would include 3.87 acres for supporting public roadway infrastructure, 2.85 acres of desilting basins, and 1.78 acres for a water quality basin. The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning is considered the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is Interstate 5 (I-5). After reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Therefore, Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to integrate transportation and land use in a way that reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, as well as facilitates a high level of non-motorized travel and transit use. We encourage the Lead Agency to evaluate the potential of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications to meet these goals. Potential strategies for this project include:

- Providing pedestrian and cyclist connections to the proposed Pico Canyon Trail
- Constructing wide sidewalks with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps that are not obstructed by utility poles
- Planting shade trees and bioswales to reduce storm-water runoff, which is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County and needs to be considered during project design
- Installing high-visibility crosswalks with Continental or Ladder designs
- Offering bicycle lanes and bicycle parking facilities

For additional TDM options, please refer to *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The reference is available online at: https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm.

As a reminder, Senate Bill 743 (2013) mandates that VMT be used as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts of all future development projects under CEQA, starting July 1, 2020. For information on determining transportation impacts in terms of VMT on the State Highway System, see the Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, dated December 2018: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20190122-743_Technical_Advisory.pdf.

Also, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on 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 about these comments, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2019-02781.

Sincerely,

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