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Ms. Brandi Jones
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Community Development/Planning Division
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Irwindale, CA 91706

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: 5010 Azusa Canyon Road – Irwindale
Industrial Center – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2019099041
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02817
Vic. LA-210/PM: R37.473
LA-605/PM: 23.385

Dear Ms. Brandi Jones:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed project involves consolidating four lots into two lots totaling 10.7 acres, for the construction of two, two-story, speculative industrial tilt-up buildings totaling 233,984 square feet and associated parking. The City of Irwindale is considered the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State facilities to the proposed project are the Interstate 210 (I-210) and Interstate 605 (I-605). After reviewing the MND, Caltrans agrees that the proposed project will result in a significant transportation impact on the following State transportation facilities:

- I-605 NB Off-Ramp (NS) at Live Oak Avenue
- I-605 SB On-Ramp (NS) at Live Oak Avenue
- I-605 SB Off-Ramp (SB) at Arrow Highway

However, Caltrans also agrees that the impacts can be reduced to less than significant by implementing the mitigation measures proposed in the MND and that the proposed fair share contributions for these mitigation measures at the above locations are appropriate.

The following information is included for your consideration.

As a reminder, Senate Bill 743 (2013) mandates that Vehicle Miles Traveled (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.

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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 support large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

Finally, storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful that the project needs to be designed to discharge clean run-off water.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02817.

Sincerely,



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