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Jocelyn Swain
City of Lancaster
44933 Fern Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93534

RE: Site Plan Review No. 19-07/Terracina at
Lancaster – Mitigated Negative Declaration
(MND)
SCH # 2020050407
GTS # 07-LA-2020-03263
Vic. LA-14/PM: R66.33

Dear Jocelyn Swain:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The project is the construction and operation of a 264-unit low-income apartment complex on approximately 13.05 gross acres in Lancaster. The project will be composed of eleven, 3-story residential buildings, as well as a community center and two open space areas with jogging trails, among other recreational facilities. The City of Lancaster is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 4 miles away from State Route 14. From 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. Thus, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For such TDM options, please refer to:

- The 2010 *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>, or
- *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm>

As mentioned in the MND, 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 more 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](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. Caltrans recommends that the project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these delays for Caltrans' review.

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-2020-03263.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse