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Mr. Christopher Cannon, Director  
City of Los Angeles Harbor Department  
Environmental Management Division  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
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RE: Innovative New Dock Chassis  
Depot Project  
Vic. LA-47 PM 3.49 to PM 3.68,  
LA-710 PM 3.47  
SCH # 2020090061  
GTS # LA-2020-03364AL-ND

Dear Mr. Cannon:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Project would permit and expand parcels currently operated as a chassis depot that provides for the storage, maintenance, repair, and on/off hire of chassis (i.e., stop/start operations). The Project is to expand the existing approximately 10-acre property by an additional approximately 5.3 acres, to a total of approximately 15.3 acres.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has been codified into CEQA law. It mandates that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed developments be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts. You may reference The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) website for more information.

<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

As a reminder for all future projects, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) will be the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after the July 1, 2020 statewide implementation date.

Caltrans supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures such as sidewalk, road diets and other traffic calming measures. Please note

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the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes the road diet treatment as a proven safety countermeasure, and the cost of a road diet can be significantly reduced if implemented in tandem with routine street resurfacing.

Also for your future project reference, Caltrans has published the VMT-focused Transportation Impact Study Guide (TISG), dated May 20, 2020 and Caltrans Interim Land Development and Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Safety Review Practitioners Guidance, prepared in July 2020.

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/office-of-smart-mobility-climate-change/sb-743>

According to LADOT Transportation Assessment Guidelines for CEQA project which was approved in July 2019, this project would not have significant traffic impact.

Transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from Caltrans when transporting disposed materials. It is strongly recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods during construction and operation period.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to GTS # LA-2020-03364AL-ND.

Sincerely,



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