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Ms. Michelle McCarty
Project Manager
City of Thousand Oaks
2100 E. thousand Oaks Blvd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Los Feliz Drive Sidewalks-Phase II
Vic. VEN-23 PM R3.713,
VEN-101 PM 1.64
SCH # 2020099020
GTS # VEN-2020-00423AL-ND

Dear Ms. McCarty:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Department proposes to provide continuous sidewalks along Los Feliz Drive between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and North Conejo School Road.

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 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>

For this project, we concur that “The proposed project would not generate new vehicle trips and would have no effect on vehicle miles traveled within the City or associated properties along Los Feliz Drive. Therefore, the proposed project would be consistent with CEQA Guideline Section 15064.3.”

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to GTS # VEN-2020-00423AL-ND.

Sincerely,



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