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STATE CLEARING HOUSE

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Jennifer Blanchard
Port of Long Beach
415 W. Ocean Blvd.
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RE: World Oil Tank Installation Project
SCH # 2020100119
Vic. LA-710/PM 5.982
GTS # LA-2020-04160-NOP

Dear Jennifer Blanchard:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The proposed Project proposes to construct and operate two additional, new 25,000-barrel petroleum storage tanks with internal floating roofs with new tank foundations and piping connections to existing facility infrastructure, including the truck loading racks.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

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

As a reminder, VMT is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after July 1, 2020, which is the statewide implementation date.

The proposed Project would result in temporary passenger vehicle (automobile) and haul truck trips during construction. Construction worker passenger vehicle (automobile) trips would occur in the morning and early evening hours. Truck trips associated with materials and equipment deliveries to the Project site would likely be distributed throughout the workday, with more frequent trips in the early stages of construction when the site is prepared, foundations are poured, and the tank components are delivered. Given the

temporary period of construction (approximately 10 months), trips would occur during a limited time along roadways accessing the Project site. Temporary construction trips are assumed to come from the local area or from the greater Los Angeles County area. While construction-related trips would utilize regional freeways (likely converging onto the I-710 freeway) to access Ocean Boulevard/Pico Avenue and the site, these temporary trips would not be in numbers that could substantially diminish the performance of the circulation system. The construction would generate a maximum of 32 worker one-way commute trips during the overlap between construction Phases 1 and 2, with material and equipment deliveries spread throughout the day. There would be a less-than-significant impact to such transportation facilities during construction.

The operation baseline maximum truck count at the loading rack is 53 trucks per day (see Table 3). It is estimated that truck trips would increase approximately 10 percent during a typical operation such as when a pipeline is being serviced, resulting in a projected increase of up to five truck trips per day (a new maximum of 58 trucks per day at the loading rack). The number of truck trips (approximately one truck per month) associated with crude oil balancing is not anticipated to increase during operations as a result of the proposed Project. An increase of five trips per day would not conflict with any program pertaining to the performance of the circulation system. Operation of the Project would result in less-than-significant impacts on transportation facilities.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend 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) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2020-04160AL-NOP.

Sincerely,



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