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Ms. Amy L. Harbin, AICP  
City of Long Beach  
Development Services Department  
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RE: Pacific Place Project  
Vic. LA-405 PM 7.18, LA-710 PM 9.41  
SCH # 2020100290  
GTS # LA-2020-03396AL-MND

Dear Ms. Harbin:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Project is comprised of a three-story 152,745-square foot (sf) self-storage building with approximately 1,132 self-storage units, a 2,153 sf car wash, a recreational vehicle (RV) parking facility with 578 parking spaces, and a 5,000 sf office space on 4-parcels totaling approximately 14-acres with anticipated industrial uses including a single-story building with up to 77,000 square-feet of building area consisting of 73,500 square-feet warehouse space and 3,500 square-feet of office space, and a proposed vacated roadway easement. The Project area totals approximately 19.41 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. As a reminder, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after the July 1, 2020 statewide implementation date. You may reference The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) website for more information.

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

This development should incorporate multi-modal and complete streets transportation elements that will actively promote alternatives to car use and better manage existing parking assets. Prioritizing and allocating space to efficient modes of travel such as bicycling and public transit can allow streets to transport more people in a fixed amount of right-of-way.

Caltrans supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures such as 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, 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>

Overall, the environmental report should include a Transportation Impact Study (TIS) to ensure all modes are well served by planning and development activities. This includes reducing single occupancy vehicle trips, ensuring safety, reducing vehicle miles traveled, supporting accessibility, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The project will generate a maximum of 302 daily traffic trips, 23/33 maximum AM/PM peak hour traffic trips. We concur that a maximum project contribution of 33 peak-hour trips to the adjacent intersections is nominal, and the potential for an intersection impact is unlikely. Therefore, this project would not be expected to have a significant impact based on a VMT evaluation.

For this project, 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. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods and idle time not to exceed 10 minutes.

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-2020-03396AL-MND.

Sincerely,



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