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RE: New Beatrice West Project
SCH # 2020120119
Vic. LA-90/PM R1.495
GTS # GTS-2020-04419-DEIR

Dear Bob Babajian:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The Project proposes the demolition of an existing 23,072-square-foot office building and two accessory buildings, totaling 7,188 square feet, and the retention of an 87,881 square-foot office building. Additionally, the Project proposes the construction of a new, eight-story office building with up to 196,100 square feet of office space, and 3,400 square feet of ground-floor commercial space.

Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Transit Access

It is determined the Project does not include any features that would permanently remove, adversely modify, or degrade pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities in the Project vicinity. As noted herein, it is determined that it is possible that the Project may intensify the use of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities in the Project vicinity, however, such use is not expected to result in a deficient condition caused by the Project.

VMT

The Project site is located in the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission area and is subject to the following LADOT threshold for determining VMT impacts: Daily Work VMT per Employee of 11.1. The Project is estimated to result in a total of 2,964 daily vehicle trips, resulting in a daily work VMT per employee of 12.4, which would exceed the daily work VMT per employee of 11.1. As such, the Project would result in a potentially significant impact with regard to conflict with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b), and mitigation is required.

Mitigation Measure-TDM

The following mitigation measure has been identified to reduce the potentially significant impact of the Project:

Mitigation Measure TR-MM-1: The Project should prepare a TDM Plan. The following TDM elements should be included in the Project:

- Price Workplace Parking
- Voluntary Travel Behavior Change Program
- Short-term and Long Term Bike Parking per LAMC
- Secure Bike Parking
- Pedestrian Network Improvements
- Transit Subsidies

With the implementation of Mitigation Measure TR-MM-1, the daily work VMT per employee would be reduced to 10.3, and the impact level would become less than significant with mitigation.

Others

We encourage the Lead Agency to evaluate the potential Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications in order to better manage the transportation network, as well as transit service and bicycle or pedestrian connectivity improvements. For additional TDM options, please refer to the Federal Highway Administration's *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8). This reference is available online at:

<http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/fhwahop12035.pdf>

For future projects any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Any 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 # GTS-2020-04419-DEIR.

Sincerely,

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