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Candice Bowcock  
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3660 "D" Street  
La Verne, CA 91750

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: Baseline Road Single Family Residential  
and Annexation Project – Recirculated  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH # 2020120212  
GTS # 07-LA-2020-03545  
Vic. LA-210/PM: R48.262

Dear Candice Bowcock:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced recirculated MND. The project involves annexing an approximately 19.44-acre undeveloped parcel in the West Claremont portion of unincorporated Los Angeles County into the City of La Verne. Approximately 5.59 acres (243,720 square feet) of the parcel would be subdivided into 7 lots, each containing a single-family dwelling unit and attached garage. An additional 8th lot (approximately 2.66 acres) would be designated as a debris basin and a 9th lot (approximately 10.75 acres) would be dedicated to open space. The City of La Verne is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 1,400 feet away from the Interstate 210 (I-210) and Fruit Street ramps, and approximately 3,700 feet away from the State Route 66 (SR-66) and Fruit Street intersection. The MND was recirculated because the California Department of Fish and Wildlife identified potential impacts on previously unidentified species, which lead to additional analyses and mitigation measures. From reviewing the recirculated MND, Caltrans has the same comments as in our last letter (see attachment).

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact the project coordinator, Emily Gibson, at [Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov) and refer GTS # 07-LA-2020-03545.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miya Edmonson".

MIYA EDMONSON  
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief  
cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

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December 17, 2020

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RE: Baseline Road Single Family Residential  
and Annexation Project – Mitigated  
Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH # 2020120212  
GTS # 07-LA-2020-03447  
Vic. LA-210/PM: R48.262

Dear Candice Bowcock:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The project involves annexing an approximately 19.44-acre undeveloped parcel in the West Claremont portion of unincorporated Los Angeles County into the City of La Verne. Approximately 5.59 acres (243,720 square feet) of the parcel would be subdivided into 7 lots, each containing a single-family dwelling unit and attached garage. An additional 8th lot (approximately 2.66 acres) would be designated as a debris basin and a 9th lot (approximately 10.75 acres) would be dedicated to open space. The City of La Verne is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 1,400 feet away from the Interstate 210 (I-210) and Fruit Street ramps, and approximately 3,700 feet away from the State Route 66 (SR-66) and Fruit Street intersection. From reviewing the MND, Caltrans concurs that since the project is expected to generate less than 110 trips, it can be presumed to have a less than significant Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) impact. This conclusion aligns with the *Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA* by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (December 2018). Therefore, the following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. TDM strategies that the City of La Verne may want to consider integrating into this project in order to further reduce its VMT impact include:

- Ensure that project driveway placements do not directly cause issues related to line of sight of pedestrians or bicyclists.
- Require the construction contractor to implement traffic control measures in construction zones that would ensure the safe passage and sufficient emergency access of pedestrians and bicyclists, in addition to vehicles.
- Extend the bicycle facility on Baseline Road past this project's boundaries.

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Also, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these delays for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact the project coordinators, Mayra Jimon and Emily Gibson, at [Mayra.Jimon@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Mayra.Jimon@dot.ca.gov) and [Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov), and refer GTS # 07-LA-2020-03447.

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