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Leticia Ortiz
City of El Monte
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RE: Sewer Replacement Project in the Nevada
Ave and Bodger St Area – Mitigated
Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2021030096
GTS # 07-LA-2021-03509
Vic. LA-10/PM: 28.917

Dear Leticia Ortiz:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed Project will address the replacement of approximately 1 mile of existing sewer pipe and manholes with new facilities in public streets to improve access for future maintenance. Construction will involve approximately 1.2 acres of disturbed surface with a total of 5,500 cubic yards of excavation. The proposed Project will also abandon the existing pipelines through private properties, upgrade the sewer system with new materials resistant to deterioration, breaks and blockages, and bring the existing sewer system up to current standards. The City of El Monte is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 1,000 feet from Interstate 10 (I-10) in Los Angeles County. Following the passing of SB 743, we reviewed this project by means of VMT impacts rather than the Level of Service (LOS) metric. From reviewing the MND, Caltrans concurs that the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) impact of this project will be less than significant with mitigation.

The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For more TDM options to further reduce this project's VMT impact, please refer to:

- The 2010 *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>, or
- *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm>.

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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 Mayra Jimon, the project coordinator, at Mayra.Jimon@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2021-03509.

Sincerely,

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

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