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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Shell Compressed Natural Gas Dispensing
Station Project – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2021030299
GTS # 07-LA-2021-03520
Vic. LA-405/PM: 9.511

Dear Max Castillo:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed Project would involve installation of a compressed natural gas (CNG) dispensing station at an existing ethanol loading facility to enable the conversion of seven delivery trucks from diesel fuel to renewable CNG fuel. The project includes three CNG dispensers, a 20-foot-tall canopy over the dispensers, and a CNG system compound that would include two compressors, one dryer, and three CNG storage tanks. The CNG facility would be supported by a new natural gas pipeline that would connect to an existing pipeline at the Shell Carson Distribution Complex's eastern boundary. The City of Carson is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 850 feet from Interstate 405 (I-405), 1.65 miles from Interstate 710 (I-710), and 2 miles from State Route 91 (SR-91) in Los Angeles County.

From reviewing the MND, Caltrans concurs with the following: "The project would only enable the conversion of exiting delivery trucks from diesel fuel to renewable CNG fuel, no new Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) would be generated from the Project. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant."

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, 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>.

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-2021-03520.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse