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Ms. Elise McCaleb, Project Planner
Community Development Department
2175 Cherry Avenue
City of Signal Hill, CA 90755

RE: Gateway Center North Specific Plan
Vic. LA-405 PM 6.07
SCH # 2021030665
GTS # LA-2021-03536AL-MND

Dear Ms. McCaleb:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Project includes the exterior remodel of existing Target store. Applicant will be adding 3-story self-storage facility containing 1,505 units. In addition, 23,500 SF of commercial space will be added.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. 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/>

Pedestrian circulation will be provided via existing public sidewalks along E. 33rd Street and California Avenue within the vicinity of the Project frontage. The proposed Project will protect the existing sidewalks along E. 33rd Street and California Avenue, and if necessary, repair or reconstruct sidewalks along the project frontage per the City's request.

The Long Beach Transit (LBT) provide public transit services in the vicinity of the proposed Project. In the vicinity of the Project, LBT Route 61, 101 and 103 currently serves Atlantic Avenue. LBT Route 71 currently serve Orange Avenue.

The Cities of Signal Hill and Long Beach promotes bicycling as a means of mobility and a way in which to improve the quality of life within its community. The Bicycle Master Plan recognizes the needs of bicycle users and aims to create a complete and safe bicycle network throughout the City. A Class II bike lane is currently provided along the north side and south side of Spring Street, south of the project site. Additionally, both the City of Long Beach and City of Signal Hill classify Orange Avenue as a Class III bikeway facility.

For the VMT screening analysis, the presumption of less than significant impact near Transit Stations was applied to the proposed Project. Since the proposed Project is considered to be located within half a mile of an existing high-quality transit corridor, this project can be screened from further VMT analysis and can be presumed to have a less than significant impact on VMT.

The project site is next to the State facilities. Please be reminded that any work performed within the State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans if the construction is at State Right-of-way. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standard and specifications.

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) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2021-03536AL-MND.

Sincerely,



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