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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

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Angela Georgeff  
County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency  
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RE: Coastal Planned Development (PD) Permit  
for the Rubin Residence, Case No. PL19-  
0011 – Mitigated Negative Declaration  
(MND)  
SCH # 2021060065  
GTS # 07-VEN-2021-00452  
Vic. VEN-1/PM: 1.452

Dear Angela Georgeff:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The applicant is requesting a Coastal Planned Development Permit to construct a 2,700 square foot (sq. ft.) single-story single-family dwelling with an attached 994 sq. ft. 3-car garage, a 400 sq. ft. accessory dwelling unit, and an attached 1,100 sq. ft. covered patio. The accessory dwelling unit is to be constructed over the garage. The Ventura County Resource Management Agency is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 4,000 feet from State Route 1, which is also known as the Pacific Coast Highway. From reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to existing State transportation facilities. However, 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. Therefore, Caltrans supports the implementation of Senate Bill 743 (2013), which mandates that Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) be used as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts of all future development projects under CEQA, starting July 1, 2020. This law supports the types of infill, transit-oriented development that promotes accessibility and preserves the environment.

For information on determining transportation impacts in terms of VMT on the State Highway System, see the *Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA* by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), dated December 2018: [http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20190122-743\\_Technical\\_Advisory.pdf](http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20190122-743_Technical_Advisory.pdf). The County can also refer to Caltrans' updated *Vehicle Miles Traveled-Focused Transportation Impact Study Guide* (TISG), dated May 2020 and released on Caltrans' website in July 2020: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-05-20-approved-vmt-focused-tisg-a11y.pdf>. Caltrans' new TISG is largely based on the OPR 2018 Technical Advisory.

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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 issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at [Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov), and refer to GTS # 07-VEN-2021-00452.

Sincerely,

*Frances Duong*

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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse