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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Dennis Joe  
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RE: 1642 South Central Avenue – Notice of  
Preparation of an Environmental Impact  
Report (NOP)  
SCH # 2021060219  
GTS #07-LA-2021-03615  
Vic. LA-5/PM: 24.262

Dear Dennis Joe:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced NOP. The project would demolish two single-family dwelling units and an accessory garage, and construct a new 40,240 square-foot, five-story, 31-unit, affordable rental housing building. Three of the residential units would be reserved for very low-income households. Parking would include a 16-space one-level subterranean garage. The City of Glendale is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 5,000 feet from the Interstate 5 ramps at Los Feliz Boulevard and 1.25 miles away from the State Route 2 ramps at N San Fernando Road. Per email conversations with the City of Glendale, the transportation section of the forthcoming Draft Environmental Impact Report will be revised to include an explanation on why this project is expected to have less than significant Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) impacts. Caltrans looks forward to reviewing the revised transportation section.

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 City 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.

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 TDM options to consider integrating into this project, 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

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- *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 issues on any State facilities, please submit the Construction Traffic Management 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-LA-2021-03615.

Sincerely,

*Frances Duong*

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