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Mr. Alfredo Perez and Ms. Karen Figueredo
City of Lynwood
Community Development Department
Planning Division
11330 Bullis Road
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RE: Supermarket Long Beach Blvd.
SCH # 2021080270
Vic. LA-105/PM R11.564
GTS # LA-2021-03685-MND

Dear Mr. Perez and Ms. Figueredo:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The project is to build a single-story, 38,479 square foot supermarket, 3,981 square foot attached retail space, and a detached 890 square foot drive-through café/restaurant.

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 codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

As a reminder, VMT is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after July 1, 2020, which is the statewide implementation date.

Caltrans has published the VMT-focused Transportation Impact Study Guide (TISG), dated May 20, 2020 and the Caltrans Interim Land Development and Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Safety Review Practitioners Guidance, prepared on December 18, 2020. You can review these resources at the following links:

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<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-05-20-approved-vmt-focused-tisg-a11y.pdf>.

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-12-22-updated-interim-ldigr-safety-review-guidance-a11y.pdf>.

Caltrans encourages lead agencies to prepare traffic safety impact analysis at the State facilities for any development in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process so that, through partnerships and collaboration, California can reach zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.

Since the City of Lynnwood does not have adopted VMT guidelines, the OPR Technical Advisory has been used to identify screening requirements that if met would allow the Project to screen out from requiring a project-level assessment. The proposed Project is a neighborhood retail center that consists of a total floor area of approximately 44,890 square-feet. Given the Project's floor area is less than 50,000 square feet (from OPR Technical Advisory), even when evaluated on an individual basis, it is concluded, qualitatively, that the proposed Project can be screened out from further VMT analysis and can be presumed to have a less than significant impact on VMT.

We would like to remind you that any work to be performed within the State Right-of-way will need an Encroachment Permit from the California Department of Transportation. Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful of your need to discharge clean run-off water. An Encroachment Permit from the Department of Transportation (Department) may be needed for this project. Any encroachment into, on or over State right-of-way needs a Department Encroachment Permit.

As a reminder, 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. We recommend 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-2021-03685AL-MND.

Sincerely,



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