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City of Long Beach Development Services, Planning Bureau
Attention: Jennifer Ly
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Long Beach Climate Action and Adaptation
Plan and Safety Element Update – Notice of
Preparation (NOP)
SCH# 2021080394
GTS# 07-LA-2021-03692
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Dear Jennifer Ly,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed project is the adoption of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and associated minor amendments to the General Plan Safety Element to recognize climate impacts and incorporate climate adaptation and resiliency strategies. The proposed CAAP is a comprehensive planning document outlining the City's proposed approach both to address climate impacts on Long Beach and to reduce Long Beach's impact on the climate by reducing future GHG emissions. The proposed CAAP provides a framework to reduce the City's GHG footprint (climate action) and ensure the community and physical assets are better protected from the impacts of climate change (climate adaptation). The vision of the proposed CAAP is to create a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable city by addressing climate change in a way that remedies existing environmental health disparities while also improving health, quality of life, and enhancing economic vitality throughout Long Beach.

After reviewing the NOP, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans supports the City of Long Beach's efforts to reduce GHG emissions as per SB 32, SB 743, SB 375, SB 379 and various Executive orders. As an environmentally conscious agency, Caltrans strives to work with partner agencies in order to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change on the state highway system. For additional information regarding Caltrans' policies, plans, guidance and strategies related to climate change impacts please refer to documents such as, but not limited to, Caltrans Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, Caltrans Climate Change Adaptation Priorities Report, Caltrans Climate Change Adaptation Strategies Report, Caltrans Climate Change Communication Guide, and Caltrans GHG Emissions Mitigation Report.

These documents and other resources can be found at:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/office-of-smart-mobility-climate-change/climate-change>

Several other agencies have also produced climate change adaptation guidance documents that may be helpful while developing the City of Long Beach's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and Safety Element Update. These documents include, but are not limited to, California's 4th Climate Change Assessment – Los Angeles Region Report, SCAG's Southern California Climate Adaptation Framework, and CalSTA's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI).

Caltrans looks forward to the forthcoming Draft Environmental Impact Report to review the proposed policies, plans and projects contained in the CAAP and updated General Plan Safety Element.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2021-03692.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse