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RE: 2021-2029 City of Beverly Hills Housing
Element Update
SCH # 2021090102
Vic. Citywide
GTS # LA-2021-03704-MND

Dear Ms. Tway:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The City of Beverly Hills 2021-2029 Housing Element Update contains an analysis of the housing needs of all economic segments of the community, including persons with special needs, as well as goals, policies, programs and objectives to address those needs. The location is the entire City of Beverly Hills. Some of the programs contained in the Housing Plan would not cause physical changes in the environment. Such programs include those intended to reduce the cost of housing through techniques such as rent stabilization, the preservation of affordability covenants, or reducing development cost by minimizing fees or streamlining the development review process. Other programs are intended to facilitate the preservation, maintenance and improvement of existing housing. The remaining programs are those that could cause physical change to the environment, such as those that would address existing barriers to the construction of housing and could induce the physical construction of new housing in the City.

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.

We encourage the Lead Agency to evaluate the potential of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications in order to better manage the transportation network, as well as transit service and bicycle or pedestrian connectivity improvements. For additional TDM options, please refer to the Federal Highway Administration's *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8). This reference is available online at:

<http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/fhwahop12035.pdf>

You can also refer to the 2010 *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), which is available online at:

<http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>

No specific development project is proposed at this time in connection with adoption of the Housing Element, and no changes are proposed to existing plans, policies or regulations addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The Housing Element would facilitate the provision of new housing near mass transit and commercial areas consistent with regional transportation plans and Growth Forecast and the City's existing land use plans and development regulations. Most of the new housing expected to be built in the city during the 2021-2029 planning period would be located within the Mixed Use Overlay area. The Mixed Use Overlay is located within and adjacent to High Quality Transit Corridors and Transit Priority Areas. Therefore, we concur that the impacts for the Housing Element would be less than significant.

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-2021-03704-MND.

Sincerely,



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