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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: 24600 Thousand Peaks Road Residential  
Project  
SCH # 2022030309  
Vic. LA-101/PM 27.34  
GTS # LA-2022-03887-MND

Dear Martin Gies:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced environmental document. The 24600 Thousand Peaks Road Residential Project ("project") consists of the construction, use, and maintenance of a two-story, single-family residence on a previously graded pad (circa 1988-1990), within a 486,266 square-foot (11.16 acre) lot ("project site" or "subject property"). The proposed floor area of the residence is 5,278 square feet (SF) for the first floor, 2,027 SF for the second floor, and 3,498 SF for the basement, for a total of 10,803 SF of built floor area.

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 is aware of challenges that the region faces in identifying viable solutions to alleviating congestion on State and Local facilities. With limited room to expand vehicular capacity, all future developments should incorporate multi-modal and complete streets transportation elements that will actively promote alternatives to car use and better manage existing parking assets. Prioritizing and allocating space to efficient modes of travel such as bicycling and public transit can allow streets to transport more people in a fixed amount of right-of-way.

Caltrans supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures such as road diets and other traffic calming measures. Please note the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes the road diet treatment as a proven safety countermeasure, and the cost of a road diet can be significantly reduced if implemented in tandem with routine street resurfacing. Overall, the environmental report should ensure all modes are served well by planning and development activities. This includes reducing single occupancy vehicle trips, ensuring safety, reducing vehicle miles traveled, supporting accessibility, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Based on the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the ITE Trip Generation Manual, one single-family detached housing unit produces 9.44 daily vehicle trips. Therefore, the 9.44 daily vehicle trips is below the screening criteria of 110 or more daily vehicle trips for non-retail development projects. If a development project generates less than 110 or more daily vehicle trips, further analysis is not required, and a less than significant determination can be made. Therefore, the project would result in a less than significant impact with regard to VMT.

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.

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-2022-03887-MND.

Sincerely,



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