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RE: PRJ2021-000053 - Willowbrook III
SCH # 2021120498
Vic. LA-105/PM R9.805
GTS # LA-2021-03808-MND

Dear Zoe Axelrod:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced environmental document. Mitigated Negative Declaration for Willowbrook III is a new 3-story, 41 ft. tall, 100% affordable 51-unit apartment building for formerly homeless adults with 23 surface parking spaces. The Project includes 50 apartment units, one managers unit, utility storage, laundry, computer room, mail room, a community room with a kitchenette, and four office spaces.

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.

The Project Site is served by bus and rail transit lines operated by Metro and LACDPW Transit (The Link-Willowbrook). The Metro Bus Stop serving Line 202 is located 0.1 mile south of the Project Site at the intersection of S. Willowbrook Avenue and El Segundo

Boulevard. Metro's Blue Line runs parallel to the Project Site to the east of S. Willowbrook Avenue. Metro's Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Blue Line rail station is located approximately 0.8 mile north of the Project Site at the intersection of S. Willowbrook Avenue and S. 117th Street. Metro's Compton Blue Line rail station is located 1.5 miles south of the Project Site near the intersection of E. Compton Boulevard and S. Willowbrook Avenue. The Link-Willowbrook bus stop serving the Project Site immediately fronts the Project Site at the intersection of E. 126th Street and S. Willowbrook Avenue. The Proposed Project would not require the disruption of public transportation services or the alteration of public transportation routes.

S. Willowbrook Avenue is proposed as a Class III Bike Route under the County's Bicycle Master Plan. The Proposed Project would improve the pedestrian experience along S. Willowbrook Avenue by providing sidewalk improvements, removing the two existing driveways, and providing a landscaped setback that includes trees.

Based on the County's Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines, the Proposed Project would be exempt from requiring a Transportation Impact Analysis. The Proposed Project would develop 51 affordable housing units. 100% of the dwelling units would be set aside for lower income households. Although the Project is not located within a high-quality transit corridor, the Proposed Project would provide 28 long-term and six short-term bicycle parking spaces to promote non-auto travel and is located within walking distance to Metro and The Link bus stops and Metro's Blue Rail Line. The Project Site is also located within walking distance to commercial and community amenities, which would also promote non-auto travel.

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-2021-03808-MND.

Sincerely,



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