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Leah Kohler
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Environmental Management Division
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

RE: John S. Gibson Container Parking Lot
Project
SCH # 2021120391
Vic. LA-110/PM R1.48
GTS # LA-2021-03801-ND

Dear Leah Kohler:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced environmental document. The proposed Project consists of a fully paved, striped, and fenced approximately 393-stall container parking lot to be used for loading/unloading and parking of shipping containers, as well as a planted landscape area, located at 1599 John S. Gibson Boulevard, San Pedro. Access to the proposed site would be provided via driveway along John S. Gibson Boulevard. The proposed Project also includes retaining walls up to approximately 30 feet in height. The proposed Project would optimize the use of existing land that supports container storage at the site, provide landscaping to improve site conditions and slope stabilization, and provide a facility to alleviate truck traffic congestion within the Port.

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 LADOT threshold of 250 daily vehicle trips was proposed for automobiles (as OPR does not require VMT analysis of commercial trucks in CEQA documents). Therefore, based on OPR verbal guidance, heavy-duty truck trips are not included in this transportation analysis, but are analyzed in other resource areas, such as Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, and Energy (OPR, 2020).

Construction of the proposed Project would generate approximately 40 vehicle trips during a peak day. During operation of the proposed Project, there would be an estimated five employees, resulting in a daily peak of 10 vehicle trips. 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

The project boundaries are next to I-110. Please be reminded that any work performed within the State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standard and specifications.

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-2021-03801AL-ND.

Sincerely,



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