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RE: Starlite Residential Development
SCH # 2022010219
Vic. LA-164/PM 4.51
GTS # LA-2022-03826-MND

Dear Ian McAleese:

This is a follow-up to Caltrans' comment letter dated February 10, 2022. After reviewing the Response to Comment, we have the following comments.

The Response to Comment D2 states that a new crosswalk would be constructed at the proposed "signalized intersection" on Rosemead Boulevard and the Project Driveway while the Response to Comment D6 discusses about right-in, right-out configuration that would adequately accommodate project site traffic. In a normal design, right-in, right-out configuration does not need a signal for this Project Driveway. Therefore, Caltrans needs to know the final configuration to ensure safety and enhance operation and accessibility.

The Response to Comment D5 states that the installation of traffic signals along Rosemead Boulevard do not affect the Project's IS/MND transportation analysis or impact findings. This is dependent on the final configuration of the Project's entrance/exit. If the City decides to open the median and install a traffic signal, its close proximity to the adjacent signals at Fern and Klingerman Streets may not provide adequate deceleration/storage distance in which this proposed configuration can create impediment and speed differential that leads to possible crashes.

As a reminder, if changes (a break in the median) will be made at the Rosemead Boulevard/Project Driveway intersection (#3), an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) needs to be prepared for Two-Way-Stop-Controlled or Signalized scenario. Please be aware that currently there may not be enough storage for Rosemead Boulevard Southbound left-turn pocket to the project site. The City and developer need to determine on the final design of the Project Driveway as any left-turn movements at Intersection #3 would cause safety impact on SR-163.

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-2022-03891AL-RTC.

Sincerely,



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