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RE: City of Los Angeles
3401 S. La Cienega Boulevard
SCH #2022010321
GTS # 07-LA-2022-03834

Dear Kyle Winston:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced Draft Initial Study (IS). The proposed project would be sited at 3401 S. La Cienega Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. It would include a 460,824 square-foot mixed-use residential and commercial development, including one residential building and one commercial building. The project would construct and operate 260 rental units and proposes up to 785 parking spaces. The City of Los Angeles is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is interstate (I)-10. From reviewing the Draft IS, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans acknowledges and supports mixed-use, infill development that prioritizes alternative modes of travel such as use of the nearby transit service, biking and walking. This aligns with our Agency's goal to reduce the amount of automobile trips, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and support alternative modes of travel.

We encourage the reduction of vehicle parking whenever possible, as abundant parking promotes driving and creates auto-dependency. It can also undermine the encouragement of public transit and active transportation. If car parking must be added, it should be fully unbundled from the cost to rent or buy any residential unit. This improves affordability and allows people who don't own a car to avoid subsidizing the cost for those that do.

Caltrans also supports the additional canopy trees and landscaping included in the project design. These additions to regional green infrastructure help improve air quality and combat the heat island effect. We encourage the Lead Agency to incorporate native and climate appropriate plantings as these promote sustainable practices through water efficiency and support wildlife diversity.

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If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Diana DeGroot, the project coordinator, at Diana.DeGroot@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2022-03834.

Sincerely,

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