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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Mallorie Fenrich
City of Baldwin Park
14403 E. Pacific Avenue
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

RE: Virginia Avenue Digital Billboard
SCH # 2022010473
Vic. LA-10/PM 32.67
GTS # LA-2022-03838-MND

Mallorie Fenrich:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The Project evaluated in this MND is proposed by Lamar of Los Angeles (the "Project Applicant") and is referred to as "Virginia Avenue Digital Billboard Project." The Project Applicant is proposing to install and operate an approximately 90-foot tall digital billboard, located at 1529 Virginia Avenue, on a developed industrial parcel within the City of Baldwin Park, adjacent to the I-10 freeway corridor.

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 Applicant estimates that four (4) construction crew members would be required at the site each day, which would not generate a substantial quantity of trips during construction hours. Project operation is not anticipated to generate any additional trips to the Project site, with the exception of one two-way trip 6-8 times per year in order to perform on-site maintenance of the billboard. Therefore, Caltrans concurs that no impact would occur, and mitigation is not required.

However, 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.

Caltrans regulates the placement of outdoor advertising displays visible from California highways. The project would require outdoor Advertising (ODA) License. For questions, inquiries, and any other questions you may have, please call (916) 654-6473 or reference to the following website for additional information.

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda>

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-2022-03838AL-MND.

Sincerely,



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