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RE: City of Claremont
La Puerta School Site
SCH # 2022020137
GTS # 07-LA-2022-3848

Dear Brad Johnson:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced Notice of Preparation (NOP). The intent of the proposed project includes the adoption of a General Plan amendment, zone change and approval of a specific plan. The Claremont General Plan land use map would be amended to change the land use designation from Public to Residential 6 and the City's zoning map would be amended to change the land use designation from Public to Specific Plan. The proposed specific plan would permit development of residential uses consistent with the proposed General Plan designation. The City of Claremont is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Project is located in the City of Claremont. The nearest State facility to the project is Interstate (I)-210. From reviewing the NOP, Caltrans has the following comments:

Senate Bill 743 (2013) has been codified into CEQA law. It mandates that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed developments be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts. As a reminder, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after the July 1, 2020 statewide implementation date. You may reference The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) website for more information.

<http://opr.ca.gov/planning/transportation/>

Caltrans has published the VMT-focused Transportation Impact Study Guide (TISG), dated May 20, 2020 and Caltrans Interim Land Development and Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Safety Review Practitioners Guidance, prepared in July 2020. These documents can be online found at:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/sustainability/sb-743>

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For additional TDM options, please refer to the Federal Highway Administration's Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference (Chapter 8). This reference is available online at:

<http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/fhwahop12035.pdf>

This development should consider incorporating multi-modal and complete streets transportation elements that will actively promote alternatives to car use and better management of existing parking assets. Prioritizing and allocating space to efficient modes of travel such as bicycling and public transit can allow streets to transport more people in a fixed amount of right-of-way. Pedestrian safety measures such as road diets and other traffic calming measures should be considered where applicable.

It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commuter periods. 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. Information on the permit application can be found by contacting the Caltrans District 7 Office of Permits at (213) 897-3631.

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-2022-3848.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse