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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Norumbega Drive Residence
Project– Mitigated Negative Declaration
(MND)
SCH #2022020722
GTS #07-LA-2024-04452
LA-210/PM 34/492

Dear Sheri Bermejo,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The City of Monrovia proposes the construction of a new two-story single-family residence on the 1.295-acre vacant lot. The single-family residence would total 3,758 square feet in size and include a 1,348 square foot four-car garage.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans acknowledges that the MND concludes that the project would have less than significant impacts with an applicable program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Due to the project scope and its surrounding area, Caltrans recommends the project stay consistent with its local policies, goals, and plans regarding bicycle and pedestrian facilities. However, Caltrans also recommends the City of Monrovia prioritize bicycle and pedestrian facilities and infrastructure in their residential zones to enhance safety and promote healthier lifestyles, among other benefits.

The MND states that the project will generate fewer than 110 daily trips which will not generate a significant increase in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for the region. As a reminder, Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using VMT as the primary metric in identifying transportation

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impacts for all future development projects. Caltrans' targets of tripling trips made by bicycle, doubling trips made by walking and public transit, and a 15% reduction in statewide VMT can be achieved through collaborative improvements to the state-wide transportation network.

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. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Frances Duong, at frances.duong@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04452.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miya Edmonson".

Miya Edmonson
LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

Cc: State Clearinghouse