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RE: Getty Center Parking Improvement Project  
SCH # 2022040431  
Vic. LA-405/PM 34.51  
GTS # LA-2022-03924-MND

Dear Esther Serrato:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced environmental document. The Getty Center Parking Improvement Project proposes two new landscaped surface parking areas providing up to 217 vehicle parking spaces and a new 250 square-foot restroom station. The Project Site is located on two existing, previously-graded pads adjacent to the I-405 Freeway and north of the Getty Center Drive entrance.

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.

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The Project would provide approximately 217 additional parking spaces for use by Getty Center staff, contractors, visitors, and buses. The project should disclose whether if the Getty Center is expecting an increase of guests, staff, or contractors that would result in increased vehicle trips for the Getty Center in the worst case scenario. Caltrans recommends that a traffic assessment with VMT be conducted if this is the case. Please note that any additional vehicle trips on top of the existing parking structure capacity should be considered in increase of vehicle trips for the Getty Center.

The Project would include a setback from the I-405 Freeway right-of-way varying from approximately 2 feet to 9 feet. The existing 8-foot concrete barrier with mesh fencing separating the Project Site from the I-405 Freeway would remain. 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.

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-2022-03924-MND.

Sincerely,



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