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RE: 3216 W 8th Street - Hotel at 8th Street &
Mariposa Ave: Negative Declaration (ND)
Vic. LA-10/R13.422, LA-110/22.346,
US-101/4.32
SCH # 2022080234
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04439

Dear Griselda Gonzalez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The project proposes the demolition of a two-story, four-unit residential building, removal of a surface asphalt parking lot, construction, and operation of a 7-story, 66,915 sq ft mixed-use project, including a 60 guest-room hotel, a 3,950 sq ft restaurant and 20 dwelling units over a 3-level subterranean parking structure. The project site is comprised of multiple lots and totals approximately 21,614 sq ft in combined lot area. The City of Los Angeles is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facilities are SR-10, SR-101 and US-101. After reviewing the project's MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

- The city's determination that this project is presumed to have less than significant VMT impact is consistent with the OPR SB 743 Technical Advisory's recommendation. Caltrans is in support of this project that helps achieve state planning priorities contained in state law and meets state policy goals on transportation, VMT reduction, GHG emissions reduction, and betterment of the environment and human health.
- Caltrans aims to reach zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050 as there is a direct link between impact speeds and the likelihood of fatality or serious injury. Caltrans commends the Lead Agency on its consistencies with Mobility Plan 2035, Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, Vision Zero, and others. Caltrans recommends that the project follow its local plans, policies, programs, and ordinances addressing active transportation. Furthermore, Caltrans supports Transportation Demand (TDM) strategies, and this mixed-use project is an opportunity to apply those strategies. Caltrans recommends that the project remain

in compliance with its local active transportation programs, policies, and ordinances in the future.

- The project site is in the center of Koreatown, a growing and densifying community that has a high influx of visitor demand. To generate even lower VMT per capita Caltrans recommends implementing as much bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and elements within your project limits to promote ADA compliance, active transportation, and enhancing safety for both future residents and visitors.
- Caltrans has the following comments applicable to the construction period:
 - Caltrans requests a detailed Construction Management Plan (CMP) including street closure information, a detour plan, haul routes, and a staging plan be prepared and submitted to the City for review and approval, before issuance or demolition, grading, and building permits and commencement of construction.
 - Work with Caltrans Office of Permits, Multi-Modal Unit, for a designated truck route for construction trucks to transport construction equipment to and from the construction sites.
 - Construction vehicles/equipment should use alternative routes to avoid congested state facilities, especially during peak hours.
 - Cover construction trucks with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto State facilities.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2024-04439.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse