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Hi Lisa,

I left you two voicemails since our virtual meeting and hoping to talk to you before I sent you this email.

Thank you for meeting with Caltrans last Wednesday, 12/13/23. The meeting clarified many of Caltrans' concerns.

Caltrans is in support of TPA projects as long as the project complies with CEQA. For the Derby Project, we have no further comment.

We have a few suggestions that would assist the City in preparing the environmental document for future projects.

- 1. If the City is planning to develop many more sizable projects in Downtown Arcadia, a Specific Plan should be considered. This would streamline the CEQA reviewing process.
- 2. A share-parking is encouraged for mixed-use projects. Therefore, a mixed-use parking reduction should be considered for all future projects.
- 3. The City may also consider including parking reduction for any on-site bicycle parking. For example, each parking stall may be reduced by one bicycle parking stall. The parking zoning may need to be amended.
- 4. Local shuttle bus services circulating the downtown area and Metro Station during the peak hours are strongly encouraged with reasonable internal to meet the rider demand.
- 5. For reference to other City's TPA project environmental documents, please reference the City of Los Angeles project, Fourth and Central Project. This would assist the City in preparing future CEQA documents. https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022030295/2

Hopefully, we will have more guidance/comments for using TAZ VMT as project VMT and post-VMT analysis after the Caltrans SB 743 Team responds to D07 before the next project application. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you!

Happy Holidays!

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