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Bethelhem Telahun, Planner
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: 1535-1575 Industrial Avenue Project – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Dear Bethelhem Telahun:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 1535-1575 Industrial Avenue project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the November 2022 IS/MND.

Project Understanding

The project will construct an approximately 71,550 square foot warehouse building, to be used for high cube storage and distribution with an ancillary office. The new building will be one story with a maximum height of 42 feet. The project will include two new driveways along Industrial Avenue, nine truck loading docks and 41 parking stalls. Seven trees would be removed and replaced by 36 15-gallon trees. This 3.62-acre project site is located directly adjacent to I-880.

Travel Demand Analysis

With the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 743, Caltrans is focused on maximizing efficient development patterns, innovative travel demand reduction strategies, and multimodal improvements. Caltrans commends the Lead Agency in proposing Mitigation Measure TRA-1 to mitigate the project's vehicles miles traveled (VMT) to a less-than-significant level. The proposed measures identified in the IS/MND should be documented with annual monitoring reports to demonstrate effectiveness.

Hydrology

Runoff from the proposed project should not enter Caltrans' Right of Way (ROW) and should be contained within property.

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of San Jose is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network (STN). The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

Please note that Caltrans is in the process of implementing an online, automated, and milestone-based Caltrans Encroachment Permit System (CEPS) to replace the current permit application submittal process with a fully electronic system, including online payments. The new system is expected to be available during 2022. To obtain information about the most current encroachment permit process and to download the permit application, please visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal tail stroke extending to the right.

MARK LEONG
District Branch Chief
Local Development Review

c: State Clearinghouse