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Joelle Guerra
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Community Development Department
21201 La Puente Road
Walnut, CA 91789

RE: The Brookside Project
Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
SCH # 2022110184
Vic. LA-060/PM: R22.154
GTS # 07-LA-2022-04116

Dear Joelle Guerra:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced NOP. The proposed project requests approval of a Tentative Tract Map to allow for the development of a 28-unit single-family detached housing project. Future approvals will include Site Plan and Architectural Review pursuant to the City's Municipal Code. The City's General Plan designates the property as Very Low Density and is Zoned as Residential Planned Development Zone (RPD). The project site is specifically located in zone designation RPD – 28.500 – 1.3 dwelling units per acre. The proposed project provides for a minimum lot size of 28,500 square feet. The City of Walnut's Community Development Department is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project site is approximately 1.9 miles from State Route 60 (SR-60). Caltrans looks forward to reviewing the technical study results in the forthcoming EIR.

Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to evaluate the potential to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For TDM strategies that the Lead Agency may want to consider integrating into this project to further reduce VMT, please refer to:

- The 2010 Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf> and/or

- Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm>

If there are any significant impacts to the State Highway System, the implementation of multimodal mitigation measures and other TDM strategies should be considered to reduce the number of vehicle trips generated by the project. Also, signal synchronization and other Transportation System Management should be considered to improve transportation flow.

Caltrans also encourages lead agencies to prepare traffic safety impact analysis for all developments in the CEQA review process so that, through partnerships and collaboration, California can reach zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.

As a reminder, 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. 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 Karen Herrera, the project coordinator, at Karen.Herrera@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2022-04116.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse