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Cynthia de la Torre  
City of Long Beach  
411 W. Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**STATE CLEARING HOUSE**

RE: Holy Innocents Parish Church & School  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH # 2023010063  
Vic. LA-001 /PM: 6.501  
GTS # 07-LA-2023-04146

Dear Cynthia de la Torre:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed project consists of a three-phased development to expand the existing Holy Innocents Parish School to include instruction for 9th through 12th grades and the addition of church-related facilities. Each phase would be completed before the start of the subsequent phase. The three phased expansion would include a parish office, a two-story school building, a single-story gymnasium, a rectory, a convent, and a church. Project entitlements include a Vesting Tentative Parcel Map, a Long-Range Development Plan, Site Plan Review, and a Sign Program. The City of Long Beach is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project site is approximately a mile from State Route (SR-1). The initial Traffic and Parking Study indicates less than significant impact based on the screening criteria and further analysis is not required. The following information is included for your consideration.

Caltrans is aware of challenges that the region faces in identifying viable solutions to alleviating congestion on State and Local facilities. With limited room to expand vehicular capacity, all future developments should incorporate multimodal and complete streets transportation elements that will actively promote alternatives to car use and better manage existing parking assets. Prioritizing and allocating space to efficient modes of travel such as bicycling and public transit can allow streets to transport more people in a fixed amount of right-of-way.

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

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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](mailto:Karen.Herrera@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2023-04146.

Sincerely,



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LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: State Clearinghouse