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RE: Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park
Emergency Department Expansion
and Medical Office Building
SCH # 2023030061
Vic. LA-10/PM 31.59
GTS # LA-2023-04180-MND

Dear Ron Garcia:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced environmental document. The project consists of two main components: an emergency department expansion, and the construction of a medical office building (MOB). The first component is the construction of an expansion to the emergency department, which is part of an existing hospital tower on the south end of the Kaiser Permanente campus. Expansion of the emergency department would add approximately 23,000 square feet to the existing emergency department, expand the number of existing treatment bays from 38 to 60, add a new ambulance canopy, and include additional improvements to the existing emergency department. The second phase of the project would consist of the construction and operation of an approximately 33,000 square foot MOB. This component would expand the boundary of the medical campus to include the Broken Horn parcel currently adjacent to the medical campus to the west. Development of this site would require the demolition of an existing retail building.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

As a reminder, VMT is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after July 1, 2020, which is the statewide implementation date.

The proposed project screens out from a further analysis of VMT as the proposed development satisfies the project size screening criteria. Thus, the project is not expected to result in a significant VMT impact. Therefore, no mitigation is necessary as it relates to VMT. However, Caltrans recommends that the traffic study include patient/guest VMT discussion in the analysis.

After reviewing the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact on the existing State transportation 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. We recommend that large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2023-04180-MND.

Sincerely,



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