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RE: Wilmington Avenue Bridge Over Compton  
Creek  
SCH # 2023030480  
Vic. LA-710/PM 14.4, LA-110/PM 11.3  
LA-105/PM R9.8, LA-91/PM R9.2  
GTS # LA-2023-04193-MND

Dear Reyna Soriano:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The project would replace the existing two-span, steel-girder Wilmington Avenue Bridge with a new two-span, precast concrete bridge. The proposed project would address existing bridge deficiencies and enhance vehicular safety on the bridge. As proposed, the project would include demolition of the existing steel girder bridge, concrete piers, and bridge deck and construction of a new pre-cast, pre-stressed, concrete box beam structure supported by pile foundations, as well as a new pier, channel walls/abutments, and a new bridge deck. Minor modifications to the existing abutments and channel walls would also be required. The project is about 2 to 3 miles away from the State facilities.

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/>

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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 would involve replacement of an existing bridge that would address existing bridge deficiencies and enhance vehicular safety on the bridge. However, the proposed project would not cause a permanent increase of traffic, or induce traffic, as it is not increasing the capacity of the roadway segment of Wilmington Avenue or providing an alternative route to the existing traffic. The vehicle miles generated from construction traffic would be temporary and short term. Since the proposed project would not cause a permanent increase of traffic or induce traffic, the proposed project would not conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b). Impacts would be less than significant.

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-2023-04193AL-MND.

Sincerely,



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