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RE: Figueroa Street Business Park Project –
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH# 2023050278
GTS# 07-LA-2023-04228
Vic. LA-110 PM 7.892

Dear McKina Alexander:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The project consists of the development of a business park campus with facilities that can accommodate a range of uses that include offices, research and development, e-commerce and light industrial uses in three structures totaling approximately 309,266-square feet and one general commercial/retail structure totaling approximately 4,000-square feet (all four structures would include a total building area of 313,266-square feet) in accordance with the proposed Figueroa Street Business Park Specific Plan.

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is Interstate 110. After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

Due to the increased volume of truck trips through the area, Caltrans recommends that the developer contribute to a city project that will address potential safety concerns for people walking, riding bikes, and taking transit. The most effective methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles is through physical design and geometrics. These methods include the construction of physically separated facilities such as Class IV bike lanes, wide sidewalks, pedestrian refuge islands, landscaping, street furniture, and reductions in crossing distances through roadway narrowing.

As stated in section 4.17 of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, this project will result in a significant employment VMT impact. Due to this impact, and the high number of estimated daily trips, Caltrans recommends that a VMT analysis be performed after the Project is built to confirm that the proposed TDM measures have effectively reduced the impacts to less-than-significant. If they have not, then additional transit, bike, and urban design infrastructure should be implemented to facilitate alternative transportation options to and from the project site.

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Please be aware that any work proposed on or adjacent to Caltrans facilities will require an encroachment permit and all environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. The transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will also require a Caltrans transportation permit.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2023-04228.

Sincerely,



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LDR Branch Chief
cc: State Clearinghouse