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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Jose Mendivil, Associate Planner  
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RE: 5700 Hannum Avenue Residential and  
Commercial Mixed-Use Project  
SCH # 2023080709  
Vic. LA-90/PM 2.95, LA-405/PM 25.495  
GTS # LA-2023-04301-NOP

Dear Jose Mendivil:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced NOP. The Project Site is currently occupied by an approximately 30,672 square foot two-story office building. The remainder of the Project Site contains surface parking and associated landscaping. The sidewalks adjoining the Project Site to the north, west, and south are landscaped with street trees and trees are scattered throughout the existing surface parking lot. The Project would demolish the existing onsite building and construct a new 8-level multi-family residential building (including 2 semi-subterranean levels and 6 stories above) consisting of 309 residential units (including 27 Very Low Income units) and 5,600 square feet of retail space. The Project would provide a total of 19,526 square feet of private open space and 34,630 square feet of common open space for a total of 54,156 square feet of open space. The Project would include a total building area of 362,596 square feet. The Project would provide a total of 428 vehicular parking spaces (399 residential, 5 guest, and 24 commercial) within three parking levels. The Project would also provide 11 short-term and 81 long-term bicycle parking spaces, including spaces for employees and visitors, short-term spaces, and long-term spaces in compliance with respective City codes.

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:

<https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/#guidelines-updates>

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.

Caltrans is aware of the challenges that the region faces in identifying viable solutions to alleviating congestion on State and Local facilities. With limited room to expand vehicular capacity, this development should incorporate multi-modal 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.

Caltrans supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures such as road diets and other traffic calming measures. Please note the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes the road diet treatment as a proven safety countermeasure, and the cost of a road diet can be significantly reduced if implemented in tandem with routine street resurfacing. Overall, the environmental report should ensure all modes are served well by planning and development activities. This includes reducing single occupancy vehicle trips, ensuring safety, reducing vehicle miles traveled, supporting accessibility, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We encourage the Lead Agency to evaluate the potential of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications in order to better manage the transportation network, as well as transit service and bicycle or pedestrian connectivity improvements. For additional TDM options, please refer to the Federal Highway Administration's *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8). This reference is available online at:

<http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/fhwahop12035.pdf>

Also, Caltrans has published the VMT-focused Transportation Impact Study Guide (TISG), dated May 20, 2020 and the Caltrans Interim Land Development and Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Safety Review Practitioners Guidance, prepared in On December 18, 2020. You can review those document at the following link:

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-05-20-approved-vmt-focused-tisg-a11y.pdf>

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-12-22-updated-interim-ldigr-safety-review-guidance-a11y.pdf>

Potential environmental effects of the Project should include the Transportation section with VMT analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Report. To address all future development traffic safety concerns, for the City's consideration, Caltrans recommends the Lead Agency to include queuing analysis with actual signal timing for existing traffic conditions plus project trips at the impacted off-ramps on Freeway 415 and Freeway 90 on the State facilities. Traffic consultant may contact Caltrans to confirm study locations.

Caltrans encourages lead agencies to prepare traffic safety impact analysis for this development in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process using Caltrans guidelines above on the State facilities so that, through partnerships and collaboration, California can reach zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.

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-2023-04301AL-NOP.

Sincerely,

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