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Seaport San Diego Redevelopment Project
NOP 2023090299

Ms. Wileen Manaois
Director of Development Services
San Diego Unified Port District
3165 Pacific Highway,
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Manaois:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review process for Seaport San Diego Redevelopment project located near Interstate (I-5). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Safety is one of Caltrans' strategic goals. Caltrans strives to make the year 2050 the first year without a single death or serious injury on California's roads. We are striving for more equitable outcomes for the transportation network's diverse users. To achieve these ambitious goals, we will pursue meaningful collaboration with our partners. We encourage the implementation of new technologies, innovations, and best practices that will enhance the safety on the transportation network. These pursuits are both ambitious and urgent, and their accomplishment involves a focused departure from the status quo as we continue to institutionalize safety in all our work. Caltrans has the following comments:

Complete Streets and Mobility Network

Caltrans Deputy Directive 64-Revision 2 (DD-64-R2): Complete Streets - Integrating the Transportation System directs Caltrans to encourage integrated transportation systems that benefit all travelers. Caltrans seeks to also reduce vehicle trips and new vehicle miles traveled associated with development and recommends appropriate measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate transportation impacts through smart mobility community design and innovative multimodal demand reduction strategies.

In addition, Caltrans encourages the Port to include Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies into the Seaport San Diego Redevelopment project.

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Traffic Analysis and VMT

A Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) based Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should be provided for this project. Please use the Governor's Office of Planning and Research Guidance to identify VMT related impacts.¹

The TIS may also need to identify the proposed project's near-term and long-term safety or operational issues, on or adjacent any existing or proposed State facilities.

Noise

The applicant must be informed that in accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 772, Caltrans is not responsible for existing or future traffic noise impacts associated with the existing configuration of I-5.

Right-of-Way

Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.

Any work performed within Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W) will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide an approved final environmental document including CEQA determination addressing any environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W, and any corresponding technical studies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Roger Sanchez, LDR Coordinator, at (619) 987-1043 or by e-mail sent to roger.sanchez-rangel@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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¹ California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) 2018. "Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA." https://opr.ca.gov/docs/20190122-743_Technical_Advisory.pdf