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RE: Green Dot Animo Compton Charter
School Project Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2023090370
Vic. LA-105/110/ PM R8.574/PM 11.781
GTS # 07-LA-2023-04312

Dear Christina Nguyen:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The project proposes to develop a public charter school on the vacant portion of the property with the church facility operations to remain. The Los Angeles County Planning Department is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

After reviewing the project's MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

As stated in Table 8, the project aims to encourage design and transportation options that reduce the reliance on, and total number of, solo car trips. The Transportation Section further clarifies that the impact on student VMT will be less than significant as the project would be located closer to its targeted student population. However, to decrease car dependency and enhance safety, Caltrans suggests revisions to the project's vehicle drop-off/pick-up path design, incorporating measures that prioritize student pedestrians and reduce auto dependency.

Caltrans encourages the Lead agency to incorporate Traffic Demand Management (TDM) and integrate complete street elements, such as sufficient bike lanes and pedestrian crossings. For more information about TDM, please visit:

<https://transportationplanning.onramp.dot.ca.gov/downloads/transportationplanning/files/regionalplanning/Final%20Draft%202023%20LDR%20TDM%20Toolbox%20071923.pdf>

As stated in Section 17, the project's potential impacts would be less than significant. During construction operations, Caltrans recommends working with the Caltrans Office

of Permits, Multi-Modal Unit, for a designated truck route for construction trucks to transport construction equipment to and from the construction sites. Construction vehicles/equipment should use alternative routes to avoid congested state facilities, especially during peak hours. Construction trucks should be covered with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto State 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. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2023-04312.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse

