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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Re: 1271 & 1279 East Julian Street Multi-Family Residential Project – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Dear Nhu Nguyen:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 1271 & 1279 East Julian Street Multi-Family Residential Project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system.

The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the November 2023 IS/MND.

Project Understanding

The proposed project would demolish two existing single-family residences and construct a seven-story mixed use development. It would consist of 140 apartment units and office space and other facilities. This project site is in vicinity of the US-101 on- and off-ramps at East Julian Street, within the Transit-Rich Priority Development Area identified by Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Travel Demand Analysis

With the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 743, Caltrans is focused on maximizing efficient development patterns, innovative travel demand reduction strategies, and multimodal improvements. For more information on how Caltrans assesses Transportation Impact Studies, please review Caltrans' Transportation Impact Study Guide ([link](#)).

The project's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the City's adopted policy. Per the IS/MND, this project is found to have a less than significant VMT impact, therefore working towards meeting the State's VMT reduction goals.

Construction-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to the State Right-of-Way (ROW) from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)).

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Marley Mathews, Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse