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RE: Site Plan Review No. 22-006- Mitigated  
Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH # 2023110617  
Vic. LA-14/PM R69.984  
GTS # 07-LA-2023-04382

Dear Jocelyn Swain:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The proposed project consists of the construction and operation of a 23,200-square-foot industrial facility for the production and storage of stone building materials. The facility would consist of 2,000 square feet of office space, 15,000 square feet of warehouse space, 3,750 square feet of manufacturing space, and an approximately 800-square-foot silo for concrete/stone dust. A total of 20 vehicle parking spaces would be provided adjacent to the office portion of the development with truck parking provided in the central portion of the site. A drainage basin would be located in the northeastern portion of the project site. The City of Lancaster is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is SR-14. After reviewing the project's MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

- The project site sits alongside Avenue H, which features amenities such as an existing class II bike lane, several transit stops and commercial activities. Caltrans recommends the following multimodal improvements for this project:
  - Incorporate bicycle infrastructure along Avenue H, such as protected Class IV bikeways, to improve safety and comfort for all road users.
  - Be sure to include canopy trees, bioswales, bicycle parking facilities, and street furniture to provide a comfortable and sustainable environment to encourage active transportation modes and improve community health.
  - In addition to bioswales, incorporate permeable paving surfaces wherever possible to manage stormwater, replenish groundwater, and prevent pollution runoff.

- Use high-visibility continental crosswalks, curb extensions, count-down signal heads, and pedestrian refuge islands.
- Caltrans has the following comments applicable to the construction period:
  - Work with 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.
  - Cover construction trucks 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](mailto:Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2023-04382.

Sincerely,

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