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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: 3110 – 3164 Future Street Single-
Family Development: Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2023120358
Vic. LA-2/16.732, LA-5/22.405, LA-
110/25.911
GTS # 07-LA-2023-04402

Dear Nashya Sadono-Jensen:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The project site totals approximately 63,462 square feet (or 1.45 acres) in size and is comprised of 10 contiguously owned, vacant lots in a Hillside Area. The proposed project involves the development of two (2) of the 10 lots located at 3152 and 3164 Future Street, and the future development of the remaining eight (8) lots. The lot located at 3152 Future Street consists of 6,470.2 square feet and is proposed to be developed with a new single-family dwelling with two (2) covered parking spaces consisting of a total floor area of 2,502.09 square feet, and 37 feet, 7 inches in height. The lot located at 3164 Future Street consists of 6,626.1 square feet and is proposed to be developed with a new single-family dwelling with two (2) covered parking spaces consisting of a total floor area of 2,508.34 square feet and 41 feet, 8 inches in height. The project proposes to cut 1,655 cubic yards and to fill 240 cubic yards of soil, and a haul route to export a total of 1,415 cubic yards of soil. No import of soil is proposed. The project will require the removal of a total of two Protected Tree species and a total of 14 Significant Tree species. These trees are located at 3134 and 3144 Future Street. The Applicant will replace each Protected Tree according to a 4:1 ratio pursuant to the latest version of the Los Angeles City Ordinance 186873. Therefore, a total of eight new trees will be planted throughout the two aforementioned parcels. The project would also require the removal of 14 Significant Trees from 3122, 3126, 3138, 3152, and 3164 Future Street. These Significant Trees are required to be replaced at a 1:1 ratio; therefore, a total of 14 new trees will be planted to compensate for the removal of the aforementioned Significant Trees. The City of Los Angeles is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is SR-2, SR-110 and I-5. After reviewing the project's MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

- Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to consider any reduction in vehicle speeds to benefit pedestrian and bicyclist safety, as there is a direct link between impact speeds and the likelihood of fatality or serious injury. The most effective methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles is through physical design and geometrics. These methods include the construction of physically separated facilities such as Class IV bikeways, wide sidewalks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, landscaping, street furniture, and reductions in crossing distances through roadway narrowing. Visual indicators such as, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage, and striping should be used in addition to physical design improvements to indicate to motorists that they can expect to see and yield to people walking or riding bikes.
- Caltrans recommends the following environmental improvements for this project:
 - Replace the trees with native species, such as cost live oaks, walnuts and toyons as the existing Chinese elms can be invasive.
 - Consider adding legless lizards into the preconstruction survey, as well as a bio monitor during construction.
- Caltrans recommends the following during the construction stage:
 - 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 and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2023-04402.

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Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse