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Mitzi Alvarado
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Lancaster, CA 93534

RE: Tentative Tract Map No. 63137
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
Vic. LA-14/68.221, LA-138/47.811
SCH # 2023120512
GTS # 07-LA-2023-04406

Dear Mitzi Alvarado:

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 a subdivision of approximately 20 acres into 53 single-family lots. The lots range in size from 10,000 square feet to 14,638 square feet. Access into the subdivision would be provided from Nugent Street. All the streets within the development would be private. 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:

- 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.
- The project site is within a 3-mile radius of several amenities such as a park, class II bike lanes, commercial activities, and several schools. In addition, Avenue J and 40th St. E can serve as a potential bike connection to the West Coast Baptist

College or Tierra Bonita Park. Caltrans recommends the following improvements for this project:

- Incorporate bicycle infrastructure along Avenue J and 40th St. E, 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.

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-2023-04406.

Sincerely,

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