

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT 7
100 S. MAIN STREET, MS 16
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
PHONE (213) 266-3574
FAX (213) 897-1337
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life*

February 29, 2024

Ken Fichtelman, Associate Planner
City of San Dimas
245 E. Bonita Avenue
San Dimas, CA 91773

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Mar 01 2024

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Cherokee Court Residential
Project – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2024020044
GTS #07-LA-2024-04442
LA-210/PM 45.78

Dear Ken Fichtelman,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Project proposes to amend the General Plan Land Use Map from Single Family Very Low and Commercial to Single-Family Low; amend the Zoning Map from SF A 16000 to SF-7500; and subdivide a 1.59 net acre portion of the Project Area into seven residential lot sizes ranging from 7,920 square feet to 11,293 square feet. This project lies within the Cross Streets of Northeast Corner of Baseline Road and Cherokee Court. An outdoor public plaza will also be provided at the site's northeast corner at the intersection of Olive Avenue and Myrtle Avenue. Vehicular access to the site and subterranean parking would be provided from a driveway that connects with Olive Avenue.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

The Project proposes adding curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and parkway landscaping to the west side of Cherokee Court, while East Baseline Road will get only a curb and gutter. These improvements are consistent with the City of San Dimas's programs, plans, policies, or ordinances focusing on transportation facilities. Caltrans encourages adding overall programs, plans, policies, or ordinances that focus on bicycle and pedestrian facilities. We recommend implementing additional bicycle and pedestrian elements, such as high-visibility continental crosswalk markings, high-visibility bike lane pavement

markings, continuous sidewalks, and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB). Caltrans recognizes the existing pedestrian elements that enhance safety, particularly near Interstate 210 on/off-ramps. With our additional recommendations, we hope to continue enhancing the safety of pedestrians within the City of San Dimas.

Although the MND contains a Transportation Impact Analysis, Section 4.17, there is no analysis or determination of transportation and construction traffic impacts on Interstate 210 on/off-ramps located in the vicinity of the proposed project. In reviewing traffic safety investigations, there are no known safety issues or concerns at the on/off-ramps at San Dimas Ave or Foothill Blvd (SR-66).

Caltrans engineers note that there is a proposed project development located at the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant at 700 Moreno Avenue in the city of La Verne. Construction truck trips for this project to Interstate 210 would use Foothill Blvd on/off-ramps. A traffic impact study should be provided for the on/off-ramps at San Dimas Avenue and Foothill Boulevard to determine any impacts to the highway, intersection safety, or queuing on State Facility. An additional study should be provided to determine significance if the proposed development project at the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant would have cumulative traffic safety impacts to the State Highway System.

As a reminder, construction vehicles should transport equipment to and from construction sites during non-peak hours and avoid congested freeway/s. Hauling trucks should be covered with a tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto the roadways.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04442.

Sincerely,

Anthony Higgins for

Frances Duong
Acting LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

email: State Clearinghouse