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**Governor's Office of Planning & Research**

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**Re: Starbucks DR2023-0004**

## STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Cherridah Weigel:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the development review process for the proposed Starbucks project in the City of Lompoc. 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 following comments are based on our review of the January 2024 Negative Declaration (ND).

### Project Understanding

The proposed project includes the demolition of an existing 1,583 square foot gas station and 2,754 square foot canopy constructed in 1959, a parking lot, and landscaping. Site development includes the construction of a 1,200 square foot Starbucks drive through coffee shop with walk-up window and no indoor seating, trash enclosure, parking, and landscaping. Site access is proposed via two driveways; one existing on North H Street (HWY 1) and another being relocated on West Oak Avenue in the City of Lompoc, CA.

### Travel Demand Analysis

The ND states that this project is screened out from further Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis because it meets at least one of the VMT Screening Criteria within the City of Lompoc's adopted VMT guidelines. As proposed, the project is local serving retail of less than 50,000 square feet, it is near available public transit (0.2 miles from a transit stop) and does not trigger/require mitigation measures and is screened out using the City of Lompoc VMT screening analysis module.

Caltrans District 5 staff requested from City staff a copy of the Traffic and Circulation Study prepared by Rick Engineering, which was mentioned in the Negative Declaration. City staff responded that the Study was still in process and would be provided once finalized. Caltrans has not received the study to date and therefore had limited information to fully review the proposed project regarding potential impacts to the State Highway System.

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With this considered, please be aware that if any future work is completed in the State's right-of-way it will require an encroachment permit from Caltrans and must be done to our engineering and environmental standards, and at no cost to the State. The conditions of approval and the requirements for the encroachment permit are issued at the sole discretion of the Permits Office, and nothing in this letter shall be implied as limiting those future conditioned and requirements. For more information regarding the encroachment permit process, please visit our Encroachment Permit Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.

We look forward to continued coordination on this project, please let me know if you have any questions regarding the items mentioned above.

Sincerely,

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