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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: Tentative Tract Map No. 23-001 -  
Tentative Tract Map 83573  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
Vic. LA-14/67.833  
SCH # 2024020265  
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04445

Dear Shannon Edwin:

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 18.5 acres into 68 single-family lots, including one lot for a common area, which is planned to include a gym, pool, spa, outdoor park area, and dog run. The single-family lots range in size from 7,432 square feet and 12,051 square feet. The common area lot is 14,518 square feet. Access into the subdivision would be provided from 42nd Street West and the subdivision to the north. The streets within the subdivision 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:

- The city's determination that this project is presumed to have less than significant VMT impact is consistent with the OPR SB 743 Technical Advisory's recommendation. Caltrans is in support of this project that helps achieve state planning priorities contained in state law and meets state policy goals on transportation, VMT reduction, GHG emissions reduction, and/or betterment of the environment and human health.
- Caltrans aims to reach zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050 as there is a direct link between impact speeds and the likelihood of fatality or serious injury. To reach this goal, Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to

improve pedestrian and bicyclist amenities in community destinations. The most effective methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles are 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.
- Reference the Caltrans Complete Street Elements Toolbox Version 2.0 and the City of Lancaster Master Plan of Complete Streets to enhance the multimodal connectivity along the project site (Ave K. and 40th St. W.) to provide a comfortable and sustainable environment to encourage active transportation modes and improve community health.

[https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/f0020348\\_complete-streets-elements-toolbox-a11y.pdf](https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/f0020348_complete-streets-elements-toolbox-a11y.pdf)

<https://www.cityoflancasterca.org/home/showpublisheddocument/34921/636656255820900000>

- 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

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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-2024-04445.

Sincerely,



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