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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Brian K. Lee
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Covina, CA 91723

RE: 1270 Garvey Street Digital Billboard
Project - Mitigated Negative Declaration
(MND)
Vic. LA-10/38.993
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04454
SCH # 2024020529

Dear Brian K. Lee:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The 1270 Garvey Street Digital Billboard Project consists of the construction and operation of a two-sided, V-shaped billboard at the western corner of the property located at 1270 East Garvey Street in the City of Covina. The new billboard would consist of two digital sign faces that would be oriented toward the adjacent Interstate 1 O freeway. One side would face west, and the other side would face east, and each billboard face would be 14 feet in height and 48 feet in width. The billboard faces would be supported by a standalone pole structure, and the height of the billboard structure would be 83 feet. The billboard would primarily display off-site advertising; however, the City would require a certain percentage of content to consist of City advertising (e.g., announcements for civic events). The City of Covina is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is SR-10. After reviewing the project's MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

- Caltrans has the following comments regarding permits for this project.
 - Caltrans requests that the IS-MND provide confirmation that there is a minimum of 20 ft. of horizontal clearance from the edge of the traveled way to the face of the billboard foundation for a clear recovery zone.
 - The project boundary is directly adjacent to the Caltrans Right-of-way and encroachment permits (EP) will be required for any work proposed on or in the vicinity of the Caltrans Right-of-way and all safety and environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. However, please note that any

work performed within the State Right-of-way will require a new Outdoor Advertising Display (ODA) Permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standards and specifications. Please contact the Caltrans ODA Branch at oda@dot.ca.gov, for more information about a new ODA Permit Application.

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda>

- Caltrans has the following comments applicable to the construction period:
 - 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-2024-04454.

Sincerely,



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LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: State Clearinghouse