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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Steve Fowler, Director of Building and Planning
City of Maywood
4319 East Slauson Avenue
Maywood, CA 90270

RE: Slauson Avenue and Atlantic
Boulevard Project – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH #2024020788
GTS #07-LA-2024-04464
Vic. LA 710 PM 21.9

Dear Steve Fowler,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review process for the above referenced project. The Project intends to alleviate congestion and improve traffic flow along the Slauson Avenue Corridor. The improvements include widening of the west leg and south leg of Slauson Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard intersection to add 2nd left turn lanes in eastbound and northbound direction to accommodate additional peak hour left turn traffic. The project also includes traffic signal upgrades including adding protective left turn phases along Slauson Avenue between Maywood Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard. Traffic signals synchronization to be undertaken by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works along the Project corridor.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

As it is currently designed, the project will result in eroded safety conditions for people walking and biking through the intersection of Slauson and Atlantic. The FHWA identifies tighter curb radii as a safer intersection design due to slowing right-turn movements, improving pedestrian crossing distances, and enhancing visibility between drivers and pedestrians. The project should instead create tighter curb radii or curb extensions, provide pedestrian refuge islands for all intersection legs, and reduce the number of travel lanes to improve safety and minimize human exposure to danger. This will slow vehicles during turning movements and reduce crossing distances to help California achieve its goal of eliminating all fatal and serious injury crashes on our roadways by 2050.

Here are some additional notes on the Draft Initial Study (DIS) and MND:

#	Location	Note
1	DIS and MND Table 1 (Page 16)	The Level of Service (LOS) for PM peak hour under improvements does not match Table 1.
2	DIS and MND 3.1 Road Widening (Page 17)	Provide Truck Turning Template to make sure there is adequate space for modifying curbs at all four corners.
3	DIS and MND 3.1 Road Widening (Page 17)	Make sure all crosswalks are consistent.
4	General	Please provide TMP once it's available

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04464.

Sincerely,



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