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Amy Anderson, Project Manager
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RE: San Canyon Sewer Relocation Project
SCH # 2024030871
Vic. LA-14/PM 33.4
GTS # LA-2024-04485-MND

Dear Amy Anderson:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced environmental document. The Sand Canyon Sewer Relocation Project (hereby referred to as "proposed project" or "project") involves the construction of approximately 3,500 linear feet of new 21-inch and 15-inch sewer pipeline along the north side of the Santa Clara River. An existing sewer line extends east from Vista Canyon Boulevard at the State Route 14 undercrossing within the Santa Clara River, crosses under the Sand Canyon Road bridge, and terminates approximately 600 feet east of the bridge.

Construction activities may cause a temporary increase in VMT, but it'll be short-lived and not significant. Once the project is up and running, there won't be any new maintenance activities compared to what's already there, so operational VMT won't increase. According to the City of Santa Clarita's guidelines, projects with fewer than 110 daily trips are considered to have minimal VMT impacts unless proven otherwise. Since this project won't exceed this threshold during construction or operation, its VMT impacts will be minimal and not significant.

Construction activities would require a temporary one-lane closure along northbound Sand Canyon Road. A traffic control plan would be submitted to the City for review and approval. Traffic control measures would be implemented during lane closures, including flaggers at both ends. Although construction of the proposed project would temporarily increase heavy vehicle trips to and from the project site, these trips would be localized and temporary and would not have potential to impede emergency access at the project

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site, as construction equipment staging, and worker parking would occur adjacent to Vista Canyon Boulevard and the northern bank of the Santa Clara River.

Please be reminded that any work performed within the State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standard and specifications.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin, the project coordinator, at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2024-04485-MND.

Sincerely,

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