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RE: 2019-000010-(3): Green Hills
Mulholland– Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH #2024040699
GTS #07-LA-2024-04508
LA-101/PM 29.22

Dear Tyler Montgomery,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning proposes four new single-family residences on four adjacent parcels. Each parcel—numbered Lots 1 through 4— would be developed with an 18-foot-tall single-family residence and attached garage, as well as a new onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) with seepage pits, deck/patio, swimming pool, retaining walls, and landscaping/hardscaping.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

Although significant impact to VMT may be low, the Project focuses on developing an auto-oriented land use which will encourage higher reliance on single-occupancy vehicles. If surface parking must be built, it is recommended that it does not face the street directly. More streetscapes that encourage recreational walking can be produced when active frontage is against the sidewalk and parking is shifted to the rear or interior of the sites.

As a reminder, Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using

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VMT as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. Caltrans' targets of tripling trips made by bicycle, doubling trips made by walking and public transit, and a 15% reduction in statewide VMT can be achieved through collaborative improvements to the state-wide transportation network.

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. Caltrans engineers are available for consultation of a designated truck route for construction trucks to transport construction equipment to and from the project sites. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods, and that construction trucks are covered with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto State Highways.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Frances Duong, at frances.duong@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04508.

Sincerely,

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