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RE: Hollywood Sports Park Proposal
Notice of Preparation (NOP)
SCH # 2024041168
Vic. LA-Multiple
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04523

Dear Elizabeth Oba:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced NOP. The proposed project includes revising the Land Use Plan in the Land Use Element and amending the Certified 2021-2029 Housing Element (GPA No. 24-01), and a Zone Change (ZC No. 24-01) to allow for future mixed-uses (high-density residential and open space uses) on the Project Site. Actual mixed-use development and design plans are not being reviewed or considered by the City at this time. For purposes of analysis, it is estimated that 1,640 dwelling units could be developed at the Project Site based on maximum residential density. Regarding open space uses, it is anticipated that outdoor active open space and recreational activities would be allowed. The City of Bellflower is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

<https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/#guidelines-updates>

Also, Caltrans has published the VMT-focused Transportation Impact Study Guide

(TISG), dated May 20, 2020, and the Caltrans Interim Land Development and Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Safety Review Practitioners Guidance, prepared on December 18, 2020. You can review those documents at the following links:

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-05-20-approved-vmt-focused-tisg-a11y.pdf>

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-12-22-updated-interim-ldigr-safety-review-guidance-a11y.pdf>

Caltrans concurs with the submitted NOP that a Program EIR should be prepared for this proposed project. If potential safety impacts are identified during the Program EIR, the following preferred transportation safety impact mitigation may be recommended as mitigation:

- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program(s) to reduce the transportation safety impacts, which may include increased transit access, commute trip reductions such as rideshare programs, shared mobility facilities (bicycle or vehicular), increased bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure;
- Investments to existing active transportation infrastructure, or transit system amenities (or expansion) to reduce the project's transportation safety impacts; and/or
- Potential change(s) to the intersection operations including, but not limited to lane reassignment, signalization, signal phasing or timing modifications to mitigate safety impacts from project trips.

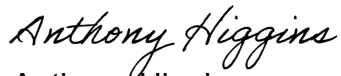
The Transportation section of the Program EIR should also include a VMT analysis to determine if the project will create a significant VMT impact. To address potential transportation safety concerns, for the City's consideration, Caltrans recommends the Lead Agency include a queuing analysis (on the off-ramps to verify the added trips generated from the project does not exceed the storage length of the ramp and at the intersections turning pockets/lanes) on the ramps mentioned below.

A Transportation Impact Study is needed for ramp locations on Routes 91, 105, 605 and 710. The following ramps are anticipated to be impacted by the trips generated by this project: WB Route 91 off-ramp to Lakewood Boulevard, EB Route 91 off-ramp to Lakewood Boulevard, WB Route 105 off-ramp to Lakewood Boulevard, EB Route 105 off-ramp to Lakewood Boulevard, SB Route 605 off-ramp to Rosecrans Avenue, NB Route 605 off-ramp to Alondra Boulevard, and NB Route 710 off-ramp to Alondra Boulevard.

As a reminder, any proposed changes to any infrastructure within Caltrans right of way will require an encroachment permit. This work will require additional review and may be subject to additional requirements to ensure current design standards and access management elements are being addressed.

We look forward in reviewing the Program EIR when it becomes available, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Herrera, the project coordinator, at Karen.Herrera@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2024-04523.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse