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RE: Headworks Site Development Project:  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04515  
SCH # 2024041114  
Vic. LA 134/PM 3.626  
LA 5/PM 27.883

Dear Mr. James R. Howe:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Project proposes to develop three facilities within its existing Headworks Spreading Grounds (HWSG) property, located along the northwest edge of Griffith Park in the City of Los Angeles. The facilities would include a Water Quality Laboratory (WQL), a Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Demonstration Facility, and a public park (Headworks Restoration Park), which are the components of the Headworks Site Development Project (proposed project or project). The purpose of the WQL is to replace the existing obsolete LADWP laboratory facility, which is located in the City of Pasadena; the purpose of the DPR facility is to test various water purification technologies for treating recycled wastewater to help the City of Los Angeles meet the goal to recycle all of its wastewater for beneficial reuse by 2035; and the purpose of Headworks Park is to provide recreational access and educational opportunities regarding local ecosystems and water use. The proposed project would also include roads interior to the HWSG property, surface parking for staff and visitors, landscaping, public recreational space, and security lighting and fencing where required. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facilities are SR-134 and I-5. After reviewing the project's documents, Caltrans has the following comments:

The lead agency's determination that this project is presumed to have less than significant VMT impact is consistent with the OPR SB 743 Technical Advisory's recommendation. Caltrans is in support of this project that helps achieve state planning priorities contained in state law and meets state policy goals on transportation, VMT reduction, GHG emissions reduction, and/or betterment of the environment and human health.

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Caltrans will require an Encroachment Permit for work performed within the State Right-of-way. Caltrans recommends that large-size truck travel be limited to off-peak commute hours. Caltrans requires a permit for any heavy construction equipment and or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways.

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](mailto:Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2024-04515.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse