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Maverik Fueling Station
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MND/ SCH #2024050699

Mr. Derek Newland
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Dear Mr. Newland:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review for the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed Maverik Convenience Store with Fueling Station project located near State Route 111 (SR-111) and Ross Ave. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Safety is one of Caltrans' strategic goals. Caltrans strives to make the year 2050 the first year without a single death or serious injury on California's roads. We are striving for more equitable outcomes for the transportation network's diverse users. To achieve these ambitious goals, we will pursue meaningful collaboration with our partners. We encourage the implementation of new technologies, innovations, and best practices that will enhance the safety on the transportation network. These pursuits are both ambitious and urgent, and their accomplishment involves a focused departure from the status quo as we continue to institutionalize safety in all our work.

Caltrans is committed to prioritizing projects that are equitable and provide meaningful benefits to historically underserved communities, to ultimately improve transportation accessibility and quality of life for people in the communities we serve.

We look forward to working with the County of Imperial in areas where the County and Caltrans have joint jurisdiction to improve the transportation network and connections

between various modes of travel, with the goal of improving the experience of those who use the transportation system.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Traffic Analysis

Mitigation Measure TR-1 Installation of Left-Turn and Right-Turn Lanes at Project Driveways indicates that left-turn and right-turn lanes will be installed on Ross Road. These improvements will need to be reviewed by Caltrans functional units prior to any encroachment permit issuance. Please provide the improvement plans for review as soon as they are available. Early coordination with Caltrans is recommended.

Hydraulics

Drainage Report

- PE Stamp needs to have a signature on it.
- Please provide Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W) lines labeling state and county R/W.
- Please provide drainage path on pre and post development hydrology maps.
- The basin being proposed has a drainage system that shows it draining to the irrigation canal. This constitutes the basin to be classified as a detention basin, not a retention basin. Provide stage-storage-discharge calculations.
- Please confirm if there is any correspondence with the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) with allowing to drain the water from the site to their facilities.

Environmental

Any work performed within Caltrans' R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide an approved final environmental document including the CEQA determination addressing any environmental impacts with the Caltrans' R/W, and any corresponding technical studies.

The project site is located at the southeast corner of Hawes Road and Ross Road, directly east of State Route 111 (SR-111/Imperial Valley Pioneers Expressway). In addition to the convenience store and fueling station, the project includes the installation of three underground storage tanks (USTs) for fuel, two underground water storage tanks, and on-site water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Noise

The applicant must be informed that in accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 772, Caltrans is not responsible for existing or future traffic noise impacts associated with the existing configuration of SR-111.

Hauling

Caltrans has discretionary authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and may, upon application and if good cause appears, issue a special permit to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum limitations specified in the California Vehicle Code. The Caltrans Transportation Permits Issuance Branch is responsible for the issuance of these special transportation permits for oversize/overweight vehicles on the State Highway network. Additional information is provided online at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/permits/index.html>

Right-of-Way

- Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.
- Any work performed within Caltrans' R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction.

Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158 or emailing D11.Permits@dot.ca.gov or by visiting the website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark McCumsey, LDR Coordinator, at (619) 985-4957 or by e-mail sent to mark.mccumsey@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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