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RE: Tentative Tract Map No. 23-004 – (TTM
84256): MND
SCH # 2024070692
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04581
Vic. LA 14 67.946

Dear Kendall Brekke:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The proposed project consists of an 18-lot single-family residential subdivision on approximately 4.2 acres on the northeast corner of 37th Street West and Avenue J-8. The lots would range in size from 8,677 square feet to 10,757 square feet. Access to the subdivision would be provided from 37th Street West and Bogard Street. The streets surrounding the subdivision would remain public. The City of Lancaster is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is SR 14. After reviewing the project's MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans aims to reach zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050 as there is a direct link between impact speeds and the likelihood of fatality or serious injury. To reach this goal, Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to improve pedestrian and bicyclist amenities around the project area and connect to community destinations. The most effective methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles are through physical design and geometrics.

These methods include the construction of physically separated facilities such as Class IV bikeways, wide sidewalks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, landscaping, street furniture, and reductions in crossing distances through roadway narrowing. Visual indicators such as pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage, and striping should be used in addition to physical design improvements to indicate to motorists that they can expect to see and yield to people walking or riding bikes.

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As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. 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 and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2024-04581.

Sincerely,



Anthony Higgins
Acting LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: State Clearinghouse