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Correy Kitchens
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring St.
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RE: De Soto Self Storage Facility Project:
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04585
SCH # 2024071050
Vic. LA 27 PM 16.765

Dear Correy Kitchens:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The proposed project is for the construction, use, and maintenance of three new buildings for a total of 108,448 square feet, ranging from one to four stories for a new self-storage facility with one caretaker's unit. The project involves a zone change from the MR2 and P zone designations to C2, a conditional use review to operate as a self-storage in the C2 zone, and a site plan review for a project exceeding 50,000 square feet. The project will utilize Assembly Bill 2097 and will also provide a total of 22 parking spaces on a proposed surface parking lot. The City of Los Angeles is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is SR 27. After reviewing the project's documents, Caltrans has the following comments:

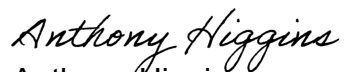
Caltrans aims to reach zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050 as there is a direct link between impact speeds and the likelihood of fatality or serious injury. To reach this goal, Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to improve pedestrian and bicyclist amenities along De Soto Ave 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 constructing physically separated facilities such as Class IV bikeways, wide sidewalks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, landscaping, street furniture, reductions in overall parking, and 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.

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-2024-04585.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse