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RE: Falcon Glen Project: MND  
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04592  
SCH # 2024071226  
Vic. SR 14          PM 58.401

Dear Brenda Magaña:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Project proposes the development consisting of 718 residential lots including 399 single-family detached residential units and 319 medium-density residential units located within 10 planning areas, as well as roads, sidewalks, and trails; the annexation of the project site from unincorporated Los Angeles County into the City of Palmdale; and related project components and entitlements including a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change. The project also includes a community recreation center; five (5) parks, five (5) debris basins, a large detention basin; and six (6) water quality arroyos. The City of Los Angeles Planning Department is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is SR 14. 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 achieve this goal, Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist amenities around the project area, connecting them to community destinations. Effective strategies include constructing physically separated facilities like Class IV bikeways, wide sidewalks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, and landscaping. Additionally, visual indicators such as warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, and striping should complement physical design improvements, signaling to motorists that they should expect pedestrians and cyclists.

Caltrans recommends that the project provide trip generation, trip distribution, and trip assignment estimates for the SR 14 on and off-ramps. Caltrans will require an Encroachment Permit for work performed within the State Right-of-way. Caltrans recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic 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. 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-2024-04592.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse