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RE: Glenarm BESS Project– Mitigated  
Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH #2024080720  
GTS #07-LA-2024-04610  
LA 110/PM 31.906

Dear Bob Botkin,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The City of Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) proposes to install a 25-MW utility-scale BESS on an approximately 0.59-acre site, located at 72 East Glenarm Street, in the City of Pasadena, California. The proposed Project would charge and store electricity, with a minimum storage capability of four hours. The BESS would be constructed at PWP's existing Glenarm Power Plant.

Construction activities would generate new vehicle trips from construction equipment and construction crews coming to the site, trucks bringing in building materials, trucks hauling excavated soils and other debris for off-site disposal, and construction equipment leaving the site after each construction phase. Construction activities for the Project would occur sequentially. The Project would not cause a change in land use that could generate a new population or long-term traffic impacts, nor would it propose any modifications to the existing circulation system in the Project's vicinity.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:


As stated in the Initial Study, construction workers' vehicles and construction trucks are expected to access the site via the Interstate (I) 210 or SR-134 at the Fair Oaks or Lake Avenue off-ramps in addition to utilizing noncontiguous portions of the SR-710 and SR-

110. Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends limiting construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. It is advised to cover construction trucks with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto the roadways. For any community or city to best support California's transportation and livability goals, Caltrans encourages the City to consider any potential measures to reduce vehicle trips generated in the routine transport, use, and disposal of hazardous materials.

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. We look forward to the coordination of our efforts to ensure potential impacts to the highway facilities and traveling public are discussed and addressed before work begins.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Frances Duong, at frances.duong@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04610.

Sincerely,



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Cc: State Clearinghouse