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RE: Lankershim Boulevard Local Area  
Urban Flow Network Management:  
Notice of Preparation of an EIR (NOP)  
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04661  
SCH # 2024100990  
Vic. I-5 PM 34.997

Dear Lauren Rhodes:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Project involves installation of stormwater infrastructure consisting of approximately 8,000 linear feet of storm drain main line, 14 drywell systems with 110 total drywells, and 33 catch basins as well as green street elements consisting of approximately 315 street trees, 232 parkway infiltration planters, and 15 vegetated median islands. The purpose of the proposed Project is to improve the City's water quality by capturing and infiltrating stormwater to target 80 percent load reduction for the primary pollutant (zinc) of the 402-acre tributary area into the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. In addition, the proposed Project would provide infrastructure to help manage flood risk, increase local water supply through groundwater recharge, improve downstream receiving water quality by reducing pollutant loads, and provide green infrastructure through tree planting and landscaping improvements. Attaining these Project objectives and goals would contribute to implementation of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Stormwater Capture Master Plan, 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, and the Mayor's 2019 Green New Deal, including helping to achieve compliance with the Upper Los Angeles River Area total maximum daily loads established by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is I-5. After reviewing the project's documents, Caltrans has the following comments:

The proposed project may impact State Right-of-Way (R/W), specifically at the Lankershim Blvd. on- and off-ramps and Tuxford St. off-ramp. Please reference Caltrans R/W Maps F1293-14A, F1296, F1295-7, and F1295-8. Caltrans will require an Encroachment Permit for all activities on State R/W. This review only pertains to planning and environmental compliance, not project design or construction approval.

- The review and approval of encroachment projects are managed through the Encroachment Permits Office Process (EPOP) or the Project Delivery Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP), depending on the project scope, complexity, and completeness of the application.
- Use the "[Applicant's Checklist](#)" and flowchart (Figure 1.2 in the Caltrans [Encroachment Permit Manual](#)) to determine the appropriate review process.
- For more resources and submission requirements, visit the Caltrans Encroachment Permits [webpage](#).

To pursue a Caltrans encroachment permit, please contact the District 7 permit office.

**Caltrans District 7 Office of Permits contact information:**

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Finally, Caltrans recommends that large-size truck travel and construction traffic be limited 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.

Caltrans looks forward to the future environmental documents. 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-2024-04661.

Sincerely,

*Anthony Higgins*

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cc: State Clearinghouse