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RE: Kia Dealership Calabasas Project:
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
GTS #07-LA-2024-04681
SCH # 2024110189
Vic. US 101 PM 36.544

Dear Jacklyn Rackerby:

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 the demolition of remnant paved areas, foundations, retaining walls, and graded pads associated with a former plant nursery on the currently vacant site and the proposed construction, use, and maintenance of a new automobile dealership (inclusive of auto display and auto service), comprised of a two-story, 35-foot-tall commercial building and associated improvements totaling up to 47,897 SF of floor area. The majority of the site will be left undeveloped. In addition to the proposed dealership building, the project proposes a detached auto wash/detail facility, employee surface parking, rooftop parking, rooftop solar array, landscaping, signage, and exterior display/security lighting within the City of Calabasas. The project site encompasses 10.94 gross acres (476,553 SF) and is comprised of two parcels, identified with Assessor's Parcel Numbers 2069-009-008 and 2069-009-020. The City of Calabasas is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is US 101. 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. In alignment with this goal, Caltrans supports the Project's initiative to improve the frontage zone by installing a sidewalk to encourage transit use. To further enhance safety and

promote active transportation, Caltrans recommends the Lead Agency upgrade its Class II facility on Calabasas Road to include a painted buffer, at a minimum.

Given the project's proximity to the US-101, please ensure that the existing signal and traffic operations at US-101 ramps to Calabasas Road and all major intersections in the vicinity of the project can accommodate the additional project trips. For any required upgrades to traffic signals, the project will be responsible for covering the associated fees as Caltrans is not responsible for any fair-share contribution to the improvement.

Please be reminded any work performed within the State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Additionally, Caltrans recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. A permit will also be required for any heavy construction equipment and or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways. If construction traffic may impact State facilities, a detailed traffic control plan should be submitted to Caltrans for 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-2024-04681.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse