

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT 7
100 S. MAIN STREET, MS 16
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
PHONE (213) 897- 0673
FAX (213) 897-1337
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life*

December 1, 2024

Brenda Magana, Planning Manager
City of Palmdale
38250 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550

RE: Site Plan Review 22-014– Mitigated
Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2024110191
GTS #07-LA-2024-04682
LA-14/PM 64.18

Dear Brenda Magana,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Project proposes to develop a 15-unit light industrial building consisting of a combination of warehouse and office spaces (Units “A” through “O”). Paved parking areas will total 94,590 square feet, with 19,471 square feet of drought-tolerant landscaping.

The Project would not have a significant transportation impact on any study intersections in the Project vicinity. It was determined that the intersection of West Avenue M-8 and 10th Street West does not meet the minimum traffic signal warrant requirements and therefore, installation of a traffic signal at the subject intersection is not warranted.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans would like to confirm the number of parking spaces proposed in Figure 2: Project Site Plan of the Initial Study to best assess the Project’s design elements. Additionally, please confirm whether the Project will include ADA-compliant parking spaces and designated electric vehicle (EV) parking spaces.

The Project’s vicinity will contain proposed bike facilities on Avenue M and N as proposed by the Los Angeles County Bicycle Master Plan. Caltrans recommends the City create a plan or report focused on bicycle and pedestrian facilities, which can utilize the data presented in the Palmdale Sustainable Transportation Plan and the engagement

Brenda Magana
December 1, 2024
Page 2

feedback gathered to identify priority streets. Subsequently, 10th Street West can be identified/prioritized to continue building the bike network within the Antelope Valley.

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. 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-2024-04682.

Sincerely,



Anthony Higgins
Acting LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

Cc: State Clearinghouse