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RE: West Harbor Modification Project:
Draft Subsequent EIR
GTS # 07-LA-2022-04679
SCH # 2005061041
Vic. SR 47 PM 1.048

Dear Sarah Workman:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The proposed project involves the development of an approximately 100,000 square-foot-amphitheater on approximately 2 acres in the southern portion of the San Pedro Public Market Project site. The amphitheater would provide 6,200 seats and would host approximately 100 paid events per year, generally from April through November. The venue also could host smaller, local community events year-round. The Proposed Project also includes the addition of amusement attractions and a 175-foot diameter Ferris wheel, and improvements to the 208 E. 22nd Street Parking Lot to accommodate up to 2,600 parking stalls to be available for use by the larger San Pedro Waterfront. The Los Angeles Harbor Department is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is SR 47. After reviewing the project's documents, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans is in support of this project's pedestrian-oriented plans that help achieve state planning priorities contained in state law and meet state policy goals on transportation, VMT reduction, GHG emissions reduction, and/or betterment of the environment and human health. To achieve the goal of zero traffic-related

fatalities and serious injuries by 2050, Caltrans emphasizes the importance of enhancing pedestrian and bicyclist amenities in community destinations.

The most effective methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles are through physical design and geometrics, therefore Caltrans recommends the following improvements for this project:

- Promote transit usage and provide free bicycle parking valet service to attendees of large events at the site. Caltrans encourages the project and implement best practices for the siting and type of bicycle parking infrastructure (see [Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' \(APBP\) Essentials of Bike Parking](#)).
- Reducing the amount of car parking whenever possible. Research shows that abundant car parking enables and encourages driving, ultimately undermining a project's ability to encourage public transit and active modes of transportation. For any project to better promote public transit and reduce vehicle miles traveled, we recommend the implementation of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies as an alternative to building an unnecessary amount of parking.
- Construct physically separated facilities such as Class IV bikeways, wide sidewalks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, landscaping, street furniture, and reductions in crossing distances through roadway narrowing.
- Include visual indicators such as pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage, and striping should be used in addition to physical design improvements to indicate to motorists that they can expect to see and yield to people walking or riding bikes.

Caltrans recommends the project conduct a post-construction VMT study to confirm there are no significant VMT impacts. Additionally, Caltrans advises limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. 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 potential impacts for Caltrans for review.

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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-2022-04679.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anthony Higgins
Acting LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: State Clearinghouse