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11-SD-VAR, I-805, SR-905
NOP Southwest Village Specific Plan
SCH# 2004051076

Ms. Elizabeth Shearer-Nguyen
Environmental Planner
Development Services Department
1222 First Avenue, MS 501,
City of San Diego, CA 92101.

Dear Ms. Shearer-Nguyen:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review process for the Southwest Village Specific Plan project located near Interstate 805 and State Route (SR-905). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with Caltrans' mission and state planning priorities.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Traffic

- A Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) based Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should be provided for this project. Please use the Governor's Office of Planning and Research Guidance¹ to identify VMT related impacts.
- The TIS may also need to identify the proposed project's near-term and long-term safety or operational issues, on or adjacent any existing or proposed State facilities.

¹ California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) 2018.
"Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA."
http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20190122-743_Technical_Advisory.pdf

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- Please include ramp intersections at I-805, and State Route 905 (SR-905) in the TIS. The geographic area examined in the TIS should also include, at a minimum, all regionally significant arterial system segments and intersections, including State transportation facilities.
- A focused analysis may be required for project trips assigned to a State highway facility that is experiencing significant delay, such as where traffic queues exceed ramp storage capacity.
- Any increase in goods movement operations and its impacts to State highway facilities should be addressed in the TIS.
- The data used in the TIS should not be more than 2 years old.
- Please provide Synchro Version 10 files.
- Early coordination is recommended.

Complete Streets and Mobility Network

Caltrans views all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in California and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system. Caltrans supports improved transit accommodation through the provision of Park and Ride facilities, improved bicycle and pedestrian access and safety improvements, signal prioritization for transit, bus on shoulders, ramp improvements, or other enhancements that promotes a complete and integrated transportation system. Early coordination with Caltrans, in locations that may affect both Caltrans and the City of San Diego, is encouraged. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve California's Climate Change target, Caltrans is implementing Complete Streets and Climate Change policies into State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects to meet multi-modal mobility needs.

Environmental

The applicant must be informed that in accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 772, the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is not responsible for existing or future traffic noise impacts associated with the existing configuration of SR-905.

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Right-of-Way

Any work performed within Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W) will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide an approved final environmental document including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination addressing any environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W, and any corresponding technical studies.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Sanchez-Rangel, of the Caltrans Development Review Branch, at (619) 688-6494 or by e-mail sent to roger.sanchez-rangel@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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