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RE: Times Mirror Square – Draft Environmental
Impact Report (DEIR)
SCH # 2017061083
GTS # 07-LA-2017-02388
Vic. LA-101/PM: 1.1

Dear Mr. William Lamborn:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project's DEIR. The proposed project would retain and renovate the Times, Plant and Mirror Buildings to provide approximately 376,105 sf of offices and/or other retail and commercial uses, including an approximately 50,000 sf grocery store. These three buildings are aligned along S. Spring Street with frontages along both W. 1st Street and W. 2nd Street. Project proposes to demolish the Parking Garage and Executive Building located on the western half of the Site and construct two mixed-use towers. A total of 1,127 residential units would be built as part of the project. Project would include a pedestrian paseo constructed along the east edge of the development.

After reviewing the DEIR, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

Further information included for your consideration

Caltrans is moving towards replacing Level of Service (LOS) with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) when evaluating traffic impact. For any future project we encourage the Lead Agency to integrate transportation and land use in a way that reduces VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by facilitating the provision of more proximate goods and services to shorten trip lengths and achieve a high level of non-motorized travel and transit use.

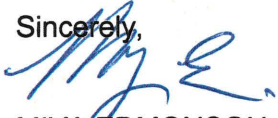
Caltrans seeks to promote safe, accessible multimodal transportation. Methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles improve safety by lessening the time that the user is in the likely path of a motor vehicle. These methods include the construction of physically separated facilities such as sidewalks, raised medians, refuge islands, and off-road paths and trails, or a reduction in crossing distances through roadway narrowing.

Caltrans recommends the project to consider the use of methods such as, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage and striping, be used to indicate to motorists that they should expect to see and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists. Visual indication from signage can be reinforced by road design features such as lane widths, landscaping, street furniture, and other design elements.

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If you have any questions, please contact Reece Allen, the project coordinator, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2017-02388

Sincerely,



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