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South Bay Sewer Force Main Project

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Mr. Richard Grunow
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City of Coronado
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Dear Mr. Grunow:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the South Bay Sewer Force Main Project located adjacent to State Route 75 (SR-75) near Coronado Cays Blvd. 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 our mission and state planning priorities.

Caltrans has the following comments:

1. Caltrans and the City of Coronado are working on a goal of relinquishing the remaining portions of SR-75, as SR-75 has already been relinquished through the City of Imperial Beach.
2. There are portions of planned improvements for the area that are subject to a lease that expires in 2035.
3. As there is no easement record for the sewer, all work within the State highway will be subject to an encroachment permit.

Utilities

Please see comments highlighted in 'red' on the attached Plan sheet.

Traffic Control Plan/Hauling

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has discretionary authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and may, upon application and if good cause appears, issue a special permit to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum limitations specified in the California Vehicle Code. The Caltrans Transportation Permits Issuance Branch is responsible for the issuance of these special transportation permits for oversize/overweight vehicles on the State Highway System. Additional information is provided online at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/permits/index.html>

A Traffic Control Plan is to be submitted to Caltrans District 11, including the intersections on SR-75/Silver Strand Highway, at least 30 days prior to the start of any construction. Traffic shall not be unreasonably delayed. The plan shall also outline suggested detours to use during closures, including routes and signage.

Potential impacts to the highway facilities (SR-75) and traveling public from the detour, demolition and other construction activities should be discussed and addressed before work begins.

Caltrans recognizes the utility and importance of the Bayshore Bikeway. We request that the City of Coronado makes every effort to keep the Bikeway open at all times during construction activities as it is a regionally important active transportation facility. Additionally, in the event of closures to the shoulders of northbound SR-75, a bicycle detour will be required as the shoulders of SR-75 are open to bicyclists. Any bicycle detour will require Caltrans review.

Mitigation

Caltrans endeavors that any direct and cumulative impacts to the State Highway System be eliminated or reduced to a level of insignificance pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) standards.

Right-of-Way

City of Coronado shall prepare and submit to Caltrans closure plans as part of the encroachment permit application. The plans shall require that closure or partial closure of SR-75 be limited to times as to create the least possible inconvenience to the

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traveling public and that signage be posted prior to the closure to alert drivers of the closure in accordance with Caltrans requirements.

The Highway Closure Plan, as part of the encroachment permit, should be submitted to Caltrans at least 30 days prior to initiating installation of the crossings. No work shall begin in Caltrans' Right of Way (R/W) until an encroachment permit is approved.

Any work performed within Caltrans' 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 with the Caltrans' R/W, and any corresponding technical studies.

Please see Chapter 600 of the Encroachment Permits Manual for requirements regarding utilities and state R/W: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/ep/manual.html>

Please see Chapter 17 of the Plan Preparation Manual for requirements regarding utilities and state R/W: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/design/cadd/manuals/ppm.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Mark McCumsey, of the Caltrans Development Review Branch, at (619) 688-6802 or by e-mail sent to mark.mccumsey@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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