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RE: Beach Cities Media Campus Project
Vic. LA-01/PM 23.925, LA-405/PM 19.23
SCH # 2017121035
Ref. GTS # LA-2017-01260-NOP
GTS # LA-2017-02346-DEIR

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Project proposes to develop office, retail, and studio and production facilities on an approximately 6.39-acre site. The Project would include the development of an approximately 240,000 square foot creative office building with the option to incorporate a roof deck, a 66,000 square foot studio and production facilities building, and 7,000 square feet of retail uses. The Project would also provide 1,100 parking spaces.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Senate Bill 743 (2013) mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. For future project, you may reference to The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information.

<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

Caltrans is aware of challenges that the region faces in identifying viable solutions to alleviating congestion on State and Local facilities. With limited room to expand vehicular capacity, future development should incorporate multi-modal and complete streets transportation elements that will actively promote alternatives to car use and better manage existing parking assets. Prioritizing and allocating space to efficient modes of travel such as bicycling and public transit can allow streets to transport more people in a fixed amount of right-of-way.

Caltrans supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures such as road diets and other traffic calming measures. Please note the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes the road diet treatment as a proven safety countermeasure, and the cost of a road diet can be significantly reduced if implemented in tandem with routine street resurfacing.

We encourage the Lead Agency to integrate transportation and land use in a way that reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (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. We also encourage the Lead Agency to evaluate the potential of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications in order to better manage the transportation network, as well as transit service and bicycle or pedestrian connectivity improvements.

After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Report for this project based on Level of Service (LOS), Caltrans has the following comments:

1. From the Proposed Beach Cities Media Campus Project DEIR dated on March 1, 2019, it was stated that the project would generate net 2,833 daily trips and 333/309 AM/PM peak hour trips per Table IV.K-3 Project Trip Generation.
2. Caltrans concurs with the concept of mitigation measure MM K-5 at Intersection 24, I-405 Northbound on/off-ramps & Rosecrans Avenue shown on page IV.K-48, "This mitigation involves restriping the northbound off-ramp lanes from two lefts and one right to two left and one shared left/right. The western portion of the intersection has three receiving lanes for the left-turn movement. The existing median along Rosecrans Avenue may need to be cut back in order to accommodate the third left turning movement."
3. A Caltrans encroachment permit will be required to implement the improvement. A Permit Review Engineering Report (PEER) and intersection operational analysis for the intersection improvement will be required as part of the encroachment permit application. Any modification must meet all design standard and specifications.
4. Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Additionally, discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State highway facilities without any storm water management plan.

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5. Transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from Caltrans. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2017-02346AL-DEIR.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse