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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

May 15, 2019

Ms. Samantha Tewart
City of Monterey Park
320 W. Newmark Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

RE: Monterey Park Focused General Plan
Update and Title 21 Amendment– Notice of
Preparation (NOP)
SCH # 2001011074
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02423
Vic. LA-710/PM: 26.113 –
LA-60/PM: R 7.119

Dear Ms. Samantha Tewart:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project's NOP. Monterey Park proposes a focused update to the General Plan consisting of revisions to the Land Use Element, last comprehensively updated in 2001. The purpose of updating the Land Use Element is ensure land use policies allow the City to attract investment and development consistent with its vision, and to facilitate economic growth and creation of new housing opportunities. The Land Use Element update is a community-driven process designed to reflect local values and needs, with desired the outcome being meaningful results and actions. The project also proposes deletion of Per 21.42 (Voter Approval of Changes) of the Zoning Code (Title 21 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code.)

After reviewing the NOP, 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 recommends the Lead Agency develop a verifiable performance-based Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) criteria as this is required by SB 743.

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

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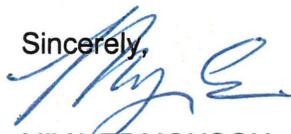
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and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage and striping, be used to indicate to motorists that they should expect to see and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists. Visual indication from signage can be reinforced by road design features such as lane widths, landscaping, street furniture, and other design elements.

If you have any questions, please contact Reece Allen, the project coordinator, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2019-02423

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miya Edmonson', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

MIYA EDMONSON

IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse