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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Ms. Samantha Tewasart, Senior Planner
City of Monterey Park
Community and Economic Development Department
320 W. Newmark Avenue
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RE: Monterey Park Focused General Plan
Update – Draft Environmental Impact
Report
SCH # 2001011074
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02564
Vic. LA-10/PM: 23.991
LA-710/PM: 26.113
LA-60/PM: R 7.119

Dear Ms. Samantha Tewasart:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The proposed project is a focused update to the General Plan consisting solely of revisions to the Land Use Element, last comprehensively updated in 2001. The purpose of updating the Land Use Element is to 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 City of Monterey Park is the lead agency under CEQA.

After reviewing the DEIR, Caltrans has the following comments:

1. The Project will impact the following intersections located near the I-710/East Cesar E. Chavez Avenue interchange that are not included in the DEIR:
 - a. N. Ford Boulevard/Northbound I-710 off-ramp and New York Street
 - b. East Cesar E Chavez Ave and the SB I-710 on-ramp
2. To mitigate Project impacts at the above locations, the City of Monterey Park should coordinate with the appropriate neighboring cities to develop mitigation measures.

Also, for future developments considered in the City of Monterey Park, please continue to include Caltrans in the review process.

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If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Emily Gibson, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02564.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miya E.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse