February 12, 2019

Milena Zasadzien
City of Los Angeles
221 North Figueroa St, Rm 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Santa Monica and Barrington Mixed-Use Project
SCH#: 2016051027

Dear Milena Zasadzien:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Draft EIR to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on February 11, 2019, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency
Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base

SCH# 2016051027
Project Title Santa Monica and Barrington Mixed-Use Project
Lead Agency Los Angeles, City of

Type EIR Draft EIR
Description The project involves the construction & operation of a five-story 316,520 sf mixed use development, comprised of 64,759 sf of ground-floor and mezzanine-level grocery store and restaurant uses along Santa Monica Blvd and 180 residential apartments (20 of which would be set aside of Very Low Income households), over three levels of subterranean parking (up to 40 ft in depth), on a 2.6-acre (114,563 sf) vacant site. The project would be a max of 62 ft in building height, with a max FAR of 3.1. The project would include the installation of rooftop-mounted cellular antennas on 8-ft poles with supporting equipment cabinets. Excavation activities would result in the export of 152,000 cy of soil.

Lead Agency Contact
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Agency City of Los Angeles
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Fax
Address 221 North Figueroa St, Rm 1350
City Los Angeles
State CA Zip 90012

Project Location
County Los Angeles
City Los Angeles, City of
Region
Cross Streets Santa Monica Blvd and Barrington Ave
Lat / Long 34° 02' 37" N / 118° 27' 21" W
Parcel No. 4262-006-018, -019, -020, -021
Township 1S Range 15 Section 33 Base W

Proximity to:
Highways I-405
Airports
Railways Metro Rail Expo Line
Waterways
Schools University HS
Land Use Vacant/C2-1VL, R3-1VL, and P-1VL / Neighborhood Commercial

Project Issues Air Quality; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Sewer Capacity; Solid Waste; Traffic/Circulation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Cumulative Effects; Other Issues

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 7; Department of Housing and Community Development; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission; Santa Monica Bay Restoration; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4; Department of Toxic Substances Control; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water; Resources, Recycling and Recovery

Date Received 12/27/2018 Start of Review 12/27/2018 End of Review 02/11/2019

Note: Blanks in data fields result from insufficient information provided by lead agency.
February 5th, 2019

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Re: Santa Monica – Barrington
Mixed-Use Project
SCH# 2016051027
GTS# 07-LA-2016-02138TD-DEIR

Dear Milena Zasadzien:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Project includes the construction & operation of a five-story 316,520 sf mixed use development, comprised of 64,759 sf of ground-floor and mezzanine-level grocery store and restaurant uses along Santa Monica Blvd and 180 residential apartments (20 of which would be set aside of Very Low Income households), over three levels of subterranean parking (up to 40 ft in depth), on a 2.6-acre (114,563 sf) vacant site. The project would be a max of 62 ft in building height, with a max FAR of 3:1. The project would include the installation of rooftop-mounted cellular antennas on 8-ft poles with supporting equipment cabinets. Excavation activities would result in the export of 152,000 cy of soil.

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In the spirit of cooperation, Caltrans staff is available to work with your planners and traffic engineers for this project, if needed. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Mr. Todd Davis, at (213) 897-0067 and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2016-02138TD.

Sincerely,

MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief
cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

"Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability."
January 18, 2019

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SANTA MONICA AND BARRINGTON MIXED-USE PROJECT (PROJECT)

Dear Ms. Zasadzien:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received the document for the above-mentioned project.

Based on the review of the document, the DTSC comments are as follows:

1) The document needs to identify and determine whether current or historic uses at the project site have resulted in any release of hazardous wastes/substances at the project area.

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Milena Zasadzien  
January 18, 2019  
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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Pete Cooke  
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program - Chatsworth Office

cc:  Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
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Dave Kereazis  
Hazardous Waste Management Program, Permitting Division  
CEQA Tracking  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
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RE: Santa Monica – Barrington Mixed-Use Project – Notice of Completion and Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Dear Ms. Zasadzien:

Thank you for coordinating with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) regarding the proposed Santa Monica – Barrington Mixed-Use (Project) located at 11650-11674 W Santa Monica Boulevard, 1551 S Barry Avenue, 1601 S Barry Avenue, 1560 S Barrington Avenue in the City of Los Angeles (City). Metro is committed to working with local municipalities, developers, and other stakeholders across Los Angeles County on transit-supportive developments to grow ridership, reduce driving, and promote walkable neighborhoods. Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs) are places (such as corridors or neighborhoods) that, by their design, allow people to drive less and access transit more. TOCs maximize equitable access to a multi-modal transit network as a key organizing principle of land use planning and holistic community development.

The purpose of this letter is to briefly describe the proposed Project, based on the Notice of Completion and Availability of Draft EIR, and to outline recommendations from Metro concerning issues that are germane to our agency’s statutory responsibility in relation to the Metro 4 and 704 facilities and services, which may be affected by the proposed Project. In addition to the specific comments outlined below, Metro would like to provide the Project Sponsor with two resources: 1) the Metro Adjacent Development Handbook (attached), which provides an overview of common concerns for development adjacent to Metro-owned right-of-way (ROW) and 2) the Adjacent Construction Manual with technical information (also attached). These documents and additional resources are available at www.metro.net/projects/devreview/.

Project Description
The proposed development is a five-story building with a mix of uses, including: ground floor and mezzanine-level grocery store, 180 units of residential apartments, and over three levels of subterranean parking. The Project is adjacent to Metro bus service (4 and 704 lines) on Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica – Barrington Mixed-Use Project
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January 29, 2019

Metro Comments

Metro Bus Adjacency

1. **Service:** Metro Bus Lines 4 and 704 operate on Santa Monica Boulevard, adjacent to the proposed Project. Other transit operators may provide service in this area and should be consulted.

2. **Final Bus Stop Condition:** Any existing Metro bus stops must be maintained as part of the final Project. During construction, stops must be maintained or relocated consistent with the needs of Metro Bus operations. Final design of the bus stop and surrounding sidewalk area must be ADA-compliant and allow passengers with disabilities a clear path of travel to the bus stop from the proposed development.

3. **Impact Analysis:** With an anticipated increase in traffic during and after construction, Metro encourages any impact analysis to include potential effects on the Metro Bus lines. Potential impacts could include construction traffic, operation of and shipment/deliveries to the completed Project, and temporary or permanent bus service rerouting.

4. **Driveways:** Driveways accessing parking and loading at the Project site should be located away from transit stops, and be designed and configured to avoid potential conflicts with on-street transit services and pedestrian traffic to the greatest degree possible. Vehicular driveways should not be located in or directly adjacent to areas that are likely to be used as waiting areas for transit.

5. **Bus Stop Access & Enhancements:** Metro encourages the installation of bus shelters with benches, wayfinding signage, enhanced crosswalks and ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as pedestrian lighting and shade trees in paths of travel to access bus stops and other amenities that improve safety and comfort for transit riders. The City should consider requesting the installation of such amenities as part of the development of the site.

6. **Bus Operations Contacts:** Please contact Metro Bus Operations Control Special Events Coordinator at 213-922-4632 and Metro’s Stops and Zones Department at 213-922-5190 with any questions and at least 30 days in advance of initiating construction activities. Other municipal buses may also be impacted and should be included in construction outreach efforts.

**Congestion Management Program**
Beyond impacts to Metro facilities and operations, Metro must also notify the Project Sponsor of state requirements. A Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA), with roadway and transit components, is required under the State of California Congestion Management Program (CMP) statute. The CMP TIA Guidelines are published in the “2010 Congestion Management Program for Los Angeles County,” Appendix D (attached). The geographic area examined in the TIA must include the following, at a minimum:

1. All CMP arterial monitoring intersections, including monitored freeway on/off-ramp intersections, where the proposed Project will add 50 or more trips during either the a.m. or p.m. weekday peak hour (of adjacent street traffic).
2. If CMP arterial segments are being analyzed rather than intersections, the study area must include all segments where the proposed Project will add 50 or more peak hour trips (total of both directions). Within the study area, the TIA must analyze at least one segment between monitored CMP intersections.

3. Mainline freeway-monitoring locations where the Project will add 150 or more trips, in either direction, during either the a.m. or p.m. weekday peak hour.

4. Caltrans must also be consulted through the NOP process to identify other specific locations to be analyzed on the state highway system.

The CMP TIA requirement also contains two separate impact studies covering roadways and transit, as outlined in Sections D.8.1 – D.9.4. If the TIA identifies no facilities for study based on the criteria above, no further traffic analysis is required. However, projects must still consider transit impacts. For all CMP TIA requirements please see the attached guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Eddi Zepeda by phone at 213-418-3484, by email at DevReview@metro.net, or by mail at the following address:

Metro Development Review
One Gateway Plaza MS 99-22-3
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Sincerely,

Georgia Sheridan, AICP
Senior Manager, Transit Oriented Communities

Attachments and links:

- Adjacent Construction Design Manual
- CMP Appendix D: Guidelines for CMP Transportation Impact Analysis
From: Milena Zasadzien
To: Lynn Kaufman
Subject: Fwd: Santa Monica —Barrington Mixed-Use Project ENV-2015-2957-EIR
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 2:55:05 PM

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From: Toan Duong <TDUONG@dpw.lacounty.gov>
Date: Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 2:31 PM
Subject: Santa Monica —Barrington Mixed-Use Project ENV-2015-2957-EIR
To: Milena.Zasadzien@lacity.org <Milena.Zasadzien@lacity.org>
Cc: Jose Suarez <JSUAREZ@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Long Thang <LTHANG@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Kent Tsujii <KTSUJI@dpw.lacounty.gov>

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR)

Thank you for the opportunity to review the DEIR for the proposed project. The Project proposes to construct a new five-story 316,520 square-foot mixed-use development on a 114,563 square-foot vacant site located at 11650 W. Santa Monica Boulevard.

The following comments from Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW) are for your consideration:

1. The intersection of San Vincente/Federal Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard is a shared County of Los Angeles/City of Los Angeles intersection. Please provide and include in the DEIR additional analysis at this intersection utilizing LA County Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines located at https://dpw.lacounty.gov/traffic/. Please contact Mr. Kent Tsuji at (626) 300-4776 or ktsuji@dpw.lacounty.gov for additional information.

2. The DEIR does not specify if new storm drain connections are proposed. The proposed project is adjacent to two Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) storm drains, Project No. 3889 Unit 1 – Line C and Project No. 499. Any new connections to the LACFCD storm drains should be identified and will require a Flood Control Permit from LACPW, Land Development Division, Permit Section.

3. Page 1-32: Threshold HYD-5 of the executive summary: This threshold addresses siltation issue but does not address whether there will be additional stormwater flows that can negatively impact nearby LACFCD’s storm drains capacities. The EIR should
address whether the flow rate and volume of stormwater runoff from the project site will be greater than the design capacity of the area’s existing drainage system.

4. The project’s Initial Study (appendix I-1 NOP and IS of the DEIR) stated the project’s approved LID Plan will address the issue of stormwater runoff volume. However, LIDs may only address runoff from a 1-to 2-year rainfall frequency storm and not runoff volumes associated with the 10- to 25-year rainfall frequency storms upon which LACFCD’s local storm drain designs are usually based. The EIR should address whether the flow rate and volume of stormwater runoff from the project site will be greater than the design capacity of the area’s existing drainage system.

If you have any questions regarding comments 2 to 4, please contact Mr. Long Thang at (626) 458-5119 or lthang@dpw.lacounty.gov.

We request the opportunity to review the future environmental document when it is available. If you have any question or require additional information, please contact Mr. Jose Suarez of Public Works' Land Development Division at (626) 458-4921 or jsuarez@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Toan Duong

Civil Engineer

Los Angeles County Public Works

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Via Email and U.S. Mail

February 1, 2019

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Re: Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Report, Santa Monica and Barrington Mixed-Use Project aka ENV-2015-2957-EIR, SCH #2016051027

Dear Ms. Zasadzien, Ms. Webber and Ms. Wolcott:

I am writing on behalf of Supporters Alliance For Environmental Responsibility and its members living in the City of Los Angeles (“SAFER”), regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (“DEIR”) prepared for the Project known as Santa Monica and Barrington Mixed-Use Project aka ENV-2015-2957-EIR and SCH #2016051027, including all actions related or referring to the proposed construction and operation of a new five-story 316,520 square-foot mixed-use development, comprised of 64,759 square feet of ground-floor and mezzanine-level grocery store and restaurant uses along Santa Monica Boulevard and 180 residential apartments, over three levels of subterranean parking on a 2.6-acre vacant lot located at 11650-11674 W. Santa Monica Boulevard, 1551 S. Barry Avenue, and 1560 S. Barrington Avenue in the City of Los Angeles (“Project”).
After reviewing the DEIR, we conclude that the DEIR fails as an informational document and fails to impose all feasible mitigation measures to reduce the Project’s impacts. SAFER requests that the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning address these shortcomings in a revised draft environmental impact report (“RDEIR”) and recirculate the RDEIR prior to considering approvals for the Project. We reserve the right to supplement these comments during review of the Final EIR for the Project and at public hearings concerning the Project. Galante Vineyards v. Monterey Peninsula Water Management Dist., 60 Cal. App. 4th 1109, 1121 (1997).

We hereby request that City of Los Angeles (“City”) send by electronic mail, if possible or U.S. Mail to our firm at the address below notice of any and all actions or hearings related to activities undertaken, authorized, approved, permitted, licensed, or certified by the City and any of its subdivisions, and/or supported, in whole or in part, through contracts, grants, subsidies, loans or other forms of assistance from the City, including, but not limited to the following:

- Notice of any public hearing in connection with the Project as required by California Planning and Zoning Law pursuant to Government Code Section 65091.
- Any and all notices prepared for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), including, but not limited to:
  - Notices of any public hearing held pursuant to CEQA.
  - Notices of determination that an Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) is required for the Project, prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.4.
  - Notices of any scoping meeting held pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.9.
  - Notices of preparation of an EIR or a negative declaration for the Project, prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.
  - Notices of availability of an EIR or a negative declaration for the Project, prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 and Section 15087 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
  - Notices of approval and/or determination to carry out the Project, prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 or any other provision of law.
  - Notices of approval or certification of any EIR or negative declaration, prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 or any other provision of law.
  - Notices of determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA, prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21152 or any other provision of law.
  - Notice of any Final EIR prepared pursuant to CEQA.
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- Notice of determination, prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21108 or Section 21152.

Please note that we are requesting notices of CEQA actions and notices of any public hearings to be held under any provision of Title 7 of the California Government Code governing California Planning and Zoning Law. This request is filed pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21092.2 and 21167(f), and Government Code Section 65092, which requires agencies to mail such notices to any person who has filed a written request for them with the clerk of the agency’s governing body.

Please send notice by electronic mail, if possible or U.S. Mail to:

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Please call if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Drury
Lozeau Drury LLP
January 21, 2019

Milena Zasadzien and
Jason McCrea, City Planner
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By email to Milena.Zasadzien@lacity.org and Jason.mccrea@lacity.org

Re: Santa Monica and Barrington Mixed Use Project, 11650-11674 W. Santa Monica
Boulevard, 1551 S. Barry Avenue, and 1560 S. Barrington Avenue, Los Angeles, California,
90025
Case No.: ENV-2015-2957-EIR

I am writing on behalf of the board and members of the South Brentwood Residents Association
(SBRA). SBRA represents approximately 18,000 home-owners and renters who reside in the area
south of San Vicente Blvd., north of Wilshire Blvd., east of Centinela and west of Federal.
Additionally, SBRA represents the interests of those in multi-family dwellings throughout the entire
Brentwood community.

South Brentwood is approximately ½ mile north of the project. Barrington Avenue is one of our two
main north-south thoroughfares. Traffic throughout our area is gridlocked during peak hours.

We strongly support all of the mitigation measured that are proposed for this project as TRA-2, in
particular the left turn phasing improvements at Barrington Avenue/Wilshire Blvd. and Ohio
Avenue/Sepulveda Boulevard. We currently have left turn phasing at Bundy Drive/Wilshire Blvd.
and our observation is that this helps to keeps traffic moving on Bundy Drive relative to the current
situation on Barrington Avenue.

We request that these mitigations be implemented as soon as the project is approved and that they
don’t have to wait until the project is completed.

In addition, we strongly oppose Alternative 5: All Commercial/Retail Alternative. A major reason for
the horrendous peak hour traffic in our area is the lack of residential housing relative to the amount
of commercial office space. This lack of housing means that large numbers of commuters must drive
westbound to the west of the I-405 during AM peak and eastbound in PM peak, creating daily
gridlock throughout Brentwood and West Los Angeles. Alternative 5 only makes the gridlock worse
and does nothing to add much-needed residential housing to the area.
Thank you for your consideration of those comments.

Sincerely,

Elyse Arbour  
President  
South Brentwood Residents Association

cc:  
Councilmember Mike Bonin- Council District 11  
Krista Klein – Council District 11  
Len Nguyen – Council District 11  
Michelle Bisnoff – Brentwood Community Council  
Lauren Cole- South Brentwood Residents Association
Hi Lynn,

Please see attached comment letter.

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**Milena Zasadzien**  
LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING  
MAJOR PROJECTS / ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS  
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From: Jian K <jiank26@yahoo.com>  
Date: Tue, Jan 1, 2019 at 11:24 AM  
Subject: Re: Whole Foods / Santa Monica-Barrington mixed-use project (11650 Santa Monica Blvd., West LA). ENV-2015-2957-EIR  
To: Milena.Zasadzien@LACity.org <Milena.Zasadzien@lacity.org>  
Cc: ross_jay@hotmail.com <ross_jay@hotmail.com>

Hello Milena

I am a residence at 1756 Barry Ave 90025 for at least past 30 years and previous WLANC and PLUM committee, I have seen this neighborhood changed and grown for worse since I have moved here, unfortunately none of you would take the time to make some thing better, the planners seats for a long time on the case and many times a file will shoots from one planner to other and the neighbors will get busy and a project after a project will get lost in transaction and eventually approved without neighbors wanting the project and they have to deal with more congestion area and traffic.

Unfortunately Barry Ave become a secondary route of Barrington Ave, so if you drive any time between 4:00 to 6:00 pm it became worse then Santa Monica Blvd, you will see bumper to bumper car, load horns because one car crosses the slower one and there is no way for the residence to get to the street that they live at or even some times to get out of their own driveway.

As a person who practice architecture for past 30 years and a license contractor as well as real estate broker and previous WLANC and PLUM committee member, I object the design that this developer has presented.

Please kindly send them back for reduction of the residence and the commercial portion of it at less by 50%, this project is in Q condition and they have no rights to what they have presented, I know that LA city is all about money and creation of revenue and property tax collection but there is no need for many residence and commercial building which LA city approved since
2012 to now.

Thank you for not being like your other colleagues.

Jian Kerendian

On Saturday, December 29, 2018, 8:43:43 AM PST, Jay Ross <ross_jay@hotmail.com> wrote:

To my neighbors,
If you wish to submit public comments for the EIR, you may forward mine or write your own.

Zuriel Espinosa-Salas, Planning Dept.
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To: Milena Zasadzien, Planning Dept.
Re: Santa Monica-Barrington mixed-use project (11650 Santa Monica Blvd., West LA) (Whole Foods project, old Vons site).

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