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RE: PD-S-1060/TT6018 – Mitigated Negative  
 Declaration (MND)  
 SCH# 20190290022  
 GTS # 07-VEN-2019-00235  
 Vic. VEN-118/PM: R 23.147

Dear Ms. Funaiole:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's MND. The proposed project consists of a planned development permit (PD-S-1060) to construct six industrial buildings, totaling 463,338 sf, and Tentative tract map (TT6018) to subdivide the site into five parcels.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has prepared the following comments:

- 1) From the "Project Morning Peak Hour Intersection Turning Movement Volumes" in the Traffic Impact Study, this project may have a potential significant impact to State facilities. Please provide queuing analysis at the intersections of SR-118 WB Ramps (NS)/View Line Drive (EW) and Madera Road (NS)/SR-118 EB Ramps (EW).

Further information included for your consideration:

Concerning future projects, Caltrans recommends the Lead Agency develop a verifiable performance-based Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) criteria as this is required by SB 743.

If VMT methodology is being used the lead agency should refer to the traffic study consultant of the Developer to OPR's website guidelines in the evaluation of traffic impact:

[http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Revised\\_VMT\\_CEQA\\_Guidelines\\_Proposal\\_January\\_20\\_2016.pdf](http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Revised_VMT_CEQA_Guidelines_Proposal_January_20_2016.pdf)

Caltrans emphasizes that safety and mobility are the most important criteria. This needs to be the main consideration. Increased congestion on local arterial and freeways contributes to an increase in the number of accidents

If future projects intend to use Level of Service (LOS) and Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) methodology for the Traffic Impact Study (TIS), we recommend the use of "Caltrans Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies" for traffic impact on the State highways and freeways and the appurtenant facilities. For

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State thresholds and guidance on preparation of acceptable traffic studies, please refer to Caltrans (State) Guide for Traffic Impact Studies:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/igr\\_ceqa\\_files/tisguide.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/igr_ceqa_files/tisguide.pdf)

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.

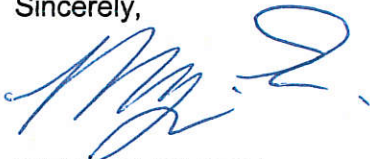
Caltrans recommends the project to consider the use of methods such as, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage and striping, be used to indicate to motorists that they should expect to see and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists. Visual indication from signage can be reinforced by road design features such as lane widths, landscaping, street furniture, and other design elements.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State Highway facilities without a storm water management plan.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Reece Allen, at [reece.allen@dot.ca.gov](mailto:reece.allen@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS# 07-VEN-2019-00235

Sincerely,



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