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Ms. Jocelyn Swain  
Development Services Department  
Community Development Division  
City of Lancaster  
44933 Fern Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93534

RE: CUP # 15-18/TTM # 70180 (Site 1)  
CUP # 15-15/TTM # 70181 (Site 2)  
CUP # 15-16/TTM # 70182 (Site 3)  
Vic. LA-14/PM R68.986  
SCH # 2019029061  
GTS # LA-2018-02263

Dear Ms. Swain:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Project consists of three sets of tentative tract maps and conditional use permits to create three residential planned developments (RPDs). The subdivision site 1 would create a total of 109 single family residential lots; the subdivision site 2 would create a total of 141 single family residential lots; the subdivision site 3 would create a total of 139 single family residential lots.

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) has codified into CEQA law and 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. 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, this 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.

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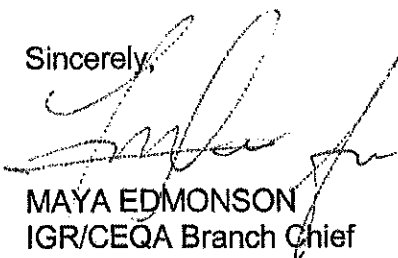
Caltrans supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures such as sidewalk, ADA ramps, road diets, and other traffic calming measures. Please note the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes the road diet treatment as a proven safety countermeasure, and the cost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

In the future, 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.

The project will generate 3,703 Average Daily Traffic, 291/389 AM/PM peak hour trips. This project is located southwest corner of 40th Street West and Avenue I which is approximately 4 miles west of the SR-14 Freeway and Avenue I interchange. In June 2015, the aforementioned SR-14/Avenue I interchange was modified and reconfigured by a joint project between Caltrans and the City of Lancaster. At this time, Caltrans does not anticipate any significant traffic impact by the project's proposed developments on the State Highway System or the SR-14/Avenue I interchange after its build-out. The State Highway System and the SR-14/Avenue I interchange can sufficiently handle the volumes generated by the developments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Alan Lin, the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to GTS # LA-2018-02263AL.

Sincerely,



MAYA EDMONSON  
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse