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Ms. Olivia Pimentel, Planner
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 Planning & Development
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Dear Ms. Pimentel:

Thank you for including Caltrans in the environmental review process for the project referenced above. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

We provide these comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and build communities. The following comments are based on Caltrans review of a request to subdivide a 30.4-acre parcel into 144 single-family units, one multi-family residential lot, one commercial lot, and a storm basin. The land will also be rezoned from agricultural to SD-R-5 Smart Development Residential and R-3 Multi-Family Residential. The parcel is in the northeast quadrant of State Route (SR) 180 (Whitesbridge Avenue) and Siskiyou Avenue. It is also situated approximately one mile west of the SR 180 and SR 145 intersection. Site access is being proposed via two locations on Siskiyou Avenue. We have the following comments:

It is expected that most of the trips generated by the development would utilize the SR 180 intersection at Siskiyou Avenue. This is a signalized intersection with left turn channelization. There are two proposed driveways connecting to Siskiyou Avenue. No direct access from SR 180 is being proposed and none will be allowed. Based on the number of trips to be generated by this project, a dedicated right-turn lane on westbound SR 180 at the SR 180 and Siskiyou Avenue intersection is required.

According to the ITE Trip Generation 10th Edition, the Project is estimated to generate the following peak hour trips:

Land Use	Units	A.M. Peak Hour Trips	P.M. Peak Hour Trips
Single Family Residential	144	107	143
Multi-Family Residential*	25	12	14
Neighborhood Commercial*	86,000 Sq. Ft	81	328
Total		200	485

*Based on maximum allowable lot coverage/density from the City of Kerman Zoning Ordinance.

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Caltrans recommends that the proposed development contribute to the Fresno County Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee program.

On May 7, 2013, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) accepted and approved the Route Adoption Study for State Route (SR) 180; the Highway Route Adoption Resolution HRA 13-1. The HRA 13-1, the Vicinity Map, and the Route Adoption Map are attached. The purpose of this route adoption is to establish the location for an ultimate four-lane expressway for SR 180 in western Fresno County. The proposed alignment will bypass the City of Kerman. Existing portions of SR 180 outside of the adopted areas for the expressway proper will be relinquished to the City of Kerman following the construction of the SR 180 expressway.

Westbound SR 180 should be widened to include an additional through lane, bike lane, right turn lane, sidewalk (may be deferred), and landscaping. This should be designed to ensure that the frontage curb and gutter is placed at the ultimate location to match the curb return that is already present at the Siskiyou intersection. If it is not placed at ultimate location, the curb return may need to be reconstructed. The curb, gutter, and curb ramps should meet current ADA standards. A maintenance agreement for landscape maintenance is required for this project. Detailed and or additional requirements may be added once engineered drawings are submitted during the permit process.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (559) 444-2493.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

c: Michael Navarro, Chief, Planning North Branch, Caltrans