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RE: Amendments to the City of Ventura's
Inclusionary Housing Program (IHP)
Negative Declaration (ND)
SCH# 2019059044
GTS# 07-VEN-2019-00277

Dear Ms. Buckingham:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The City of San Buenaventura City Council directed implementation of amendments to the City's inclusionary Housing Program (IHP) and Affordable Housing Program (AHP), and associated actions.

The proposed project would be consistent with the City's General Plan which focuses on the intensification and reuse of previously developed areas (infill). It would not directly result in development of a specific site, fundamentally change any area within the City, or involve any revisions to land use designation, zoning, or allow increasing density of any parcel. The amount of housing anticipated under the project would remain consistent with the land use designations in the 2005 General Plan, which analyzed and forecasted future residential growth through 2025.

After reviewing the Negative Declaration (ND), Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to consider any reduction in vehicle speeds in order to benefit pedestrian and bicyclist safety, as there is a direct link between impact speeds and the likelihood of fatality. 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.

Pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, and other signage and striping should be used to indicate to motorists that they should expect to see and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists. Formal information from traffic control devices should be reinforced by informal sources of information such as lane widths, landscaping, street furniture, and other road design features.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles of 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, please contact project coordinator Mr. Carlo Ramirez, at carlo.ramirez@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-VEN-2019-00277.

Sincerely,



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