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July 11, 2019

Mr. Adam Villani
City of Los Angeles
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
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RE: Senior Residential Community
at The Bellwood
Notice of Preparation (NOP) for
a Draft Env. Impact Report
GTS#07-LA-2019-02565
Vic.: LA/ 405/ PM 30.136

Dear Mr. Villani:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed project includes 192 senior housing residential units and would be located within a single building ranging in height from 38 feet to 70 feet. A total of 140 vehicle parking spaces would be provided in two subterranean parking levels beneath the proposed building. The proposed project would comprise 241,754 square feet of floor area.

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is SR-2 and I-405. In the proposed project's Initial Study checklist, Transportation section indicated that "...increase in the use of the area's transportation facilities could conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system,...Therefore, further analysis of this issue will be provided in the EIR." Caltrans looks forward to receiving the EIR for review and provide further comments, if warranted. In addition, for construction traffic, if it is expected to cause delays on the State facility, please submit a truck/traffic construction management plan for Caltrans' review.

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) 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. Please reference to The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>.

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Caltrans supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures such as 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.

Caltrans 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 Department also seeks to provide equitable mobility options for people who are economically, socially, or physically disadvantaged. Therefore, we ask the Lead Agency to evaluate the project site for access problem, VMT and service needs that may need to be addressed.

For additional TDM options, please refer to the Federal Highway Administration's *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8). The reference is available online at:

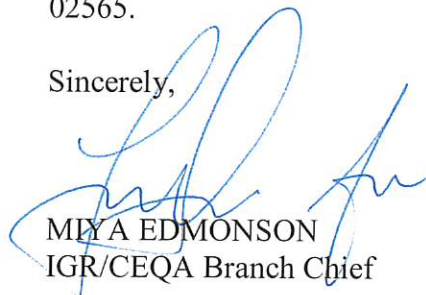
<http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/fhwahop12035.pdf>

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

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Please be mindful that project needs to be designed to discharge clean run-off water.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator, Frances Duong, at (213) 897-0673, or at frances.duong@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02565.

Sincerely,



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