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RE: Long Beach Building Standards Code Amendments
Negative Declaration (ND)
SCH# 2019109001
GTS# 07-LA-2019-02851
Vic. LA-1; 22; 91; 405; 605; 710

Dear Ms. Harbin:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The City is proposing to amend the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) by adopting the triennial 2019 California Building Standards Code (Code) and incorporating minor editorial revisions to LBMC Title 21, Zoning. The triennial 2019 Code update establishes uniform standards for the construction and maintenance of buildings, electrical systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, and fire and life safety systems. Adopting the Code update and editorial revisions to LBMC Title 21, Zoning, would provide enhanced clarity and consistency in application to future development in Long Beach.

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) mandates that Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) be used as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts of all future development projects under CEQA, starting July 1, 2020. For information on determining transportation impacts in terms of VMT on the State Highway System, see the Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, dated December 2018: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20190122-743_Technical_Advisory.pdf.

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.

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-LA-2019-02851.

Sincerely,

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