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11-SD-5 PM 38.528 Belmont Village Encinitas by the Sea (Greystar) FEIR

Ms. Katie Innes Senior Planner II City of Encinitas 505 South Vulcan Ave. Encinitas, CA 92024

December 2, 2020

Dear Ms. Innes:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Belmont Village Encinitas by the Sea project located near Interstate 5 (I-5). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Traffic Impact Study/Safety Analysis

- The safety analysis provided to Caltrans for review and comment included analysis for vehicles vs. pedestrians/bicyclists but is missing the analysis for vehicle vs. vehicle conflict points. Additional information is needed for a determination regarding the proposed second southerly access driveway.
- The Safety Analysis is needed for approval/denial for the proposed second southerly access driveway from Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W), and prior to any Caltrans' encroachment permits.

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- Coordination for continual access for the community garden visitors is recommended with the proposed northern driveway access across from the Park and Ride entrance.
- If the section of the DAR Road near the proposed second southerly driveway access is relinquished to the City of Encinitas, it would be at the City's discretion to approve a second southern driveway. However, while the entire DAR Road is Caltrans R/W, or remains state R/W, it is Caltrans' discretion to approve or deny a second southerly driveway access.

Environmental

Caltrans recommends that this project specifically identifies and assesses potential impacts caused by the project or impacts from mitigation efforts that occur within Caltrans R/W that includes impacts to the natural environment, infrastructure (highways/roadways/on- and off-ramps) and appurtenant features (lighting/signs/guardrail/slopes). We look forward to our continued coordination efforts to ensure that Caltrans can adopt the alternative and/or mitigation measures with respect to Caltrans' R/W, the I-5 North Coast Corridor Project, including Coastal Act compliance.

Right-of-Way

- Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.
- Any work performed within Caltrans R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans R/W prior to construction.
- In regard to the utilities, Caltrans concerns are documenting responsibility for future maintenance as well as ensuring the proposed improvements meet Caltrans' standards. Please see the attached site plan with Caltrans comments.

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Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158 or by visiting the website at http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/ep/index.html. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

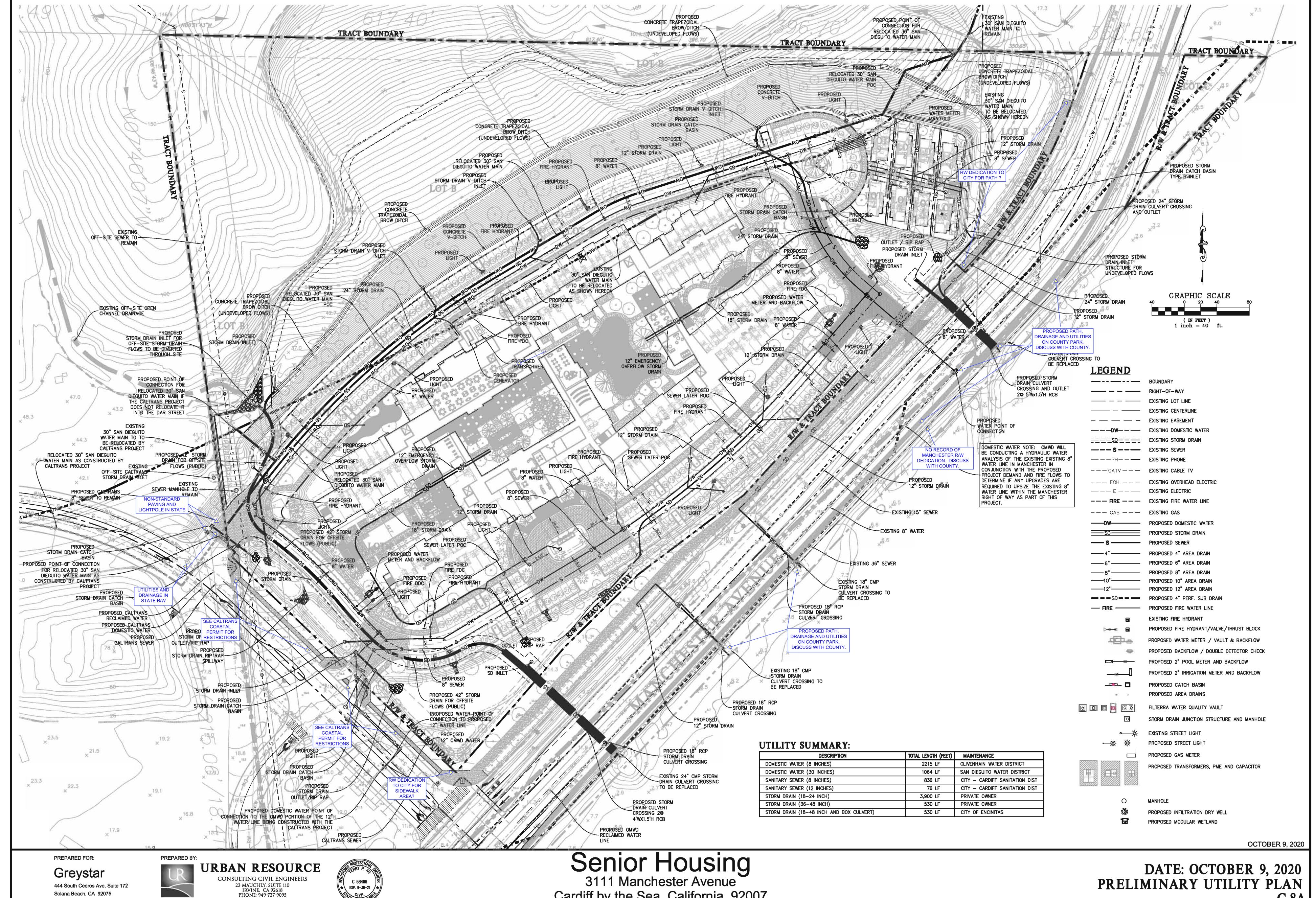
If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Dodson, of the Caltrans Development Review Branch, at (619) 985-1587 or by e-mail sent to <u>Kimberly.Dodson@dot.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

electronically signed by

MAURICE EATON, Branch Chief Local Development and Intergovernmental Review

Enclosure



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