



September 19, 2022

Mr. Daniel "Skip" Elefante PLATINUM STORAGE GROUP 2100 Main Street Ste 106 Irvine, California, 92614, United States

RE: Platinum Self Storage Project Vehicle Miles Traveled Screening Assessment

Project No. 19564

Dear Mr. Elefante:

Ganddini Group, Inc. is pleased to provide this Vehicle Miles Traveled Screening Assessment for the proposed Platinum Self Storage Project in the City of Jurupa Valley. The purpose of this screening assessment is to provide a preliminary review of the proposed project's potential for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) impacts with respect to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. We trust the findings of this analysis will aid you and the City of Jurupa Valley in assessing the project.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The 4.73-acre project site is generally located east of Van Buren Boulevard between Union Pacific Railroad and Clay Street, in the City of Jurupa Valley, California. The project site is currently zoned manufacturing-heavy (M-H) and undeveloped.

The proposed project consists of a self-storage facility totaling 98,157 square feet. Vehicular access is proposed at two driveways: one on Van Buren Boulevard and one on Clay Street. The proposed site plan is shown in Attachment A.

#### **PROJECT TRIPS**

Tables 1 shows the proposed project trip generation based on rates obtained from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) *Trip Generation Manual* (11th Edition, 2021) for ITE Land Use Code 151 (Miniwarehouse).

As also shown in Table 1, the proposed project is forecast to generate a total of approximately 142 daily trips, including 9 trips during the AM peak hour and 15 trips during the PM peak hour.

#### CRITERIA FOR THE PREPARATION OF TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSES

The project has been screened for vehicle miles traveled analysis using the City of Jurupa Valley *Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines* (November 2020) ["City TIA Guidelines"].

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# VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED SCREENING CRITERIA (CEQA)

The VMT screening assessment has been prepared in accordance with the City TIA Guidelines, which were developed based on guidance from the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) *Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA* (State of California, December 2018) ["OPR Technical Advisory"]. In general terms, VMT quantifies the amount and distance of automobile travel attributable to a project or region. The OPR Technical Advisory provides technical considerations regarding methodologies and thresholds with a focus on office, residential, and retail developments as these projects tend to have the greatest influence on VMT. The City TIA Guidelines identify three screening methods to screen projects from project-level assessment:

- Transit Priority Area
- Low VMT Area
- Project Type Screening

# Step 1: Transit Priority Area (TPA) Screening

Projects located within a TPA<sup>1</sup> may be presumed to have a less than significant impact absent substantial evidence to the contrary. This presumption may <u>NOT</u> be appropriate if the project:

- 1. Has a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of less than 0.75;
- 2. Includes more parking for use by residents, customers, or employees of the project than required by the jurisdiction (if the project is required to supply parking);
- 3. Is inconsistent with the applicable Sustainable Communities Strategy (as determined by the Planning Department, with input from RCTC); or
- 4. Replaces affordable residential units with a smaller number of moderate- or high-income residential units

The project site is not located within a TPA; therefore, the project does not satisfy the TPA screening criteria.

#### Step 2: Low VMT Area Screening

Residential and office projects located within a low VMT generating area may be presumed to have a less than significant impact absent substantial evidence to the contrary. In addition, other employment-related and mixed-use land use projects may qualify for the use of screening if the project can reasonably be expected to generate VMT per resident, per worker, or per service population that is similar to the existing land uses in the low VMT area. Based on the City-established thresholds, a project would satisfy the low VMT screening criteria if it is located in a traffic analysis zone (TAZ) that does not exceed the City average total daily VMT per service population.

To identify if the project is in a low VMT area, the WRCOG VMT Screening Tool was used. The WRCOG VMT Screening Tool was developed from the Riverside Transportation Analysis Model (RIVTAM) travel forecasting model to measure VMT performance for individual jurisdictions and for individual traffic analysis zones (TAZs).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A TPA is defined as a half-mile radius around an existing or planned major transit stop or an existing stop along a high quality transit corridor. A major transit stop is defined as an existing rail transit station, ferry terminal with bus or rail service, or the intersection of two or more major bus routes with less than 15-minute headways during the peak commute hours (Pub. Resources Code, § 21064.3). A high-quality transit corridor is defined as fixed route bus service with less than 15-minute headways during the peak commute hours (Pub. Resources Code, § 21155).

TAZs are geographic polygons similar to census block groups used to represent areas of homogenous travel behavior. Projects located in areas that incorporate similar features of the TAZ will tend to exhibit similar VMT. This presumption may not be appropriate if the project land uses would alter the existing built environment in such a way as to increase the rate or length of vehicle trips.

The proposed project is consistent with existing zoned land uses in the project TAZ and there does not appear to be anything unique about the project that would otherwise be mis-represented utilizing the data from the WRCOG VMT Screening Tool. In this case, the proposed project consists of commercial uses only; therefore, the applicable service population is the worker population and the project TAZ VMT has been calculated for VMT per worker population.

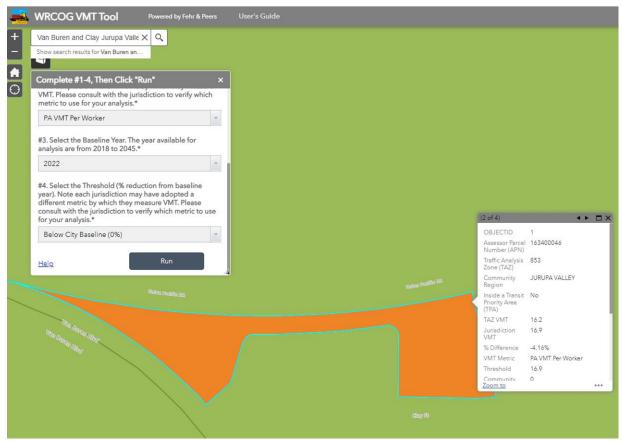


Exhibit A - WRCOG VMT Screening Tool Results

Exhibit A shows the WRCOG VMT Screening Tool results for the project site, which is located within TAZ 853. As shown on Exhibit A, the baseline year (2022) VMT per worker for the project TAZ is equal to 16.2 and the City baseline is equal to 16.9. Therefore, the proposed project satisfies the City-established screening criteria for projects located in a low VMT area and may be presumed to result in a less than significant VMT impact.

#### **PROJECT TYPE SCREENING**

The City TIA Guidelines establish the following types of projects that may be presumed to have a less than significant VMT impact, absent substantial evidence to the contrary, as their uses are local serving in nature:

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- Local-serving retail projects less than 50,000 square feet
- Local parks
- Day care centers
- Local-serving retail centers, gas stations, and banks
- Local-serving restaurants, including with drive-through window
- Local-serving hotels (e.g., non-destination hotels)
- Local-serving community colleges that are consistent with the assumptions noted in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
- Projects with less than 250 daily vehicle trips <sup>2,</sup>

As previously shown in Table 1, the proposed project is forecast to generate 142 daily trips. Therefore, the proposed project satisfies the City-established project type screening criteria for projects with less than 250 daily vehicle trips and may be presumed to result in a less than significant VMT impact.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The proposed project is forecast to generate a total of approximately 142 daily trips, including 9 trips during the AM peak hour and 15 trips during the PM peak hour. Therefore, the proposed project is forecast to generate fewer than 50 peak hour trips or 250 daily trips.

The proposed project satisfies the City-established screening criteria for project type and is presumed to result in a less than significant VMT impact.

It has been a pleasure to assist you with this project. Should you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call at (714) 795-3100.

Sincerely, GANDDINI GROUP, INC.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This threshold ties directly to the OPR Technical Advisory and notes that CEQA provides a categorical exemption for existing facilities, including additions to existing structures of up to 10,000 square feet, so long as the project is in an area where public infrastructure is available to allow for maximum planned development and the project is not in an environmentally sensitive area. (CEQA Guidelines, §15301, subd. (e)(2)). City experience is that projects approximately twice this size do not show a substantially different impact assuming a linear rate of trip growth. Typical project types for which trip generation increases relatively linearly with building footprint or number of units (i.e., residential, general office building, single tenant office building, office park, and business park) generate or attract an additional 220-250 trips per 20,000 square feet. Therefore, absent substantial evidence otherwise, it is reasonable to conclude that the addition of 250 or fewer daily trips could be considered not to lead to a significant impact.

# Table 1 Project Trip Generation

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Notes:

1. ITE = Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual (11th Edition, 2021); ### = Land Use Code.

All rates based on General Urban/Suburban setting.

2. TSF = Thousand Square Feet;



# ATTACHMENT A SITE PLAN

