## APPENDIX 10

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## Re: Trip Generation Memo and VMT Screening Assessment Proposed Gas Station and Car Wash NEC Palm Ave and W. $5^{\text {th }}$ St, Highland

Dear Gregory,
Per your request, we have conducted a trip generation memorandum and VMT screening assessment for the proposed warehouse building. This letter presents our finding and recommendations.

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The project site is located at the northeast corner of Palm Avenue and W. $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street in the City of Highland. The site is currently vacant and undeveloped. The project is seeking city's approval to construct a new convenience store of 4,620 square feet and gas station of 15 fueling positions, including three (3) high-speed diesel fueling positions, and an automated car wash tunnel of 1,387 square feet. The proposed site plan is provided in Exhibit 1.

## VMT SCREENING ASSESSMENT

For the purpose of Senate Bill (SB) 743 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis should be conducted for land use projects. The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) has released the "Recommended Traffic Impact Analysis for Vehicle Miles Traveled and Level of Service Assessment" to identified a number of screening criteria that may be applied to effectively screen projects from conducting a project-level assessment. The project has met the following screening criteria:

## - TPA SCREENING

The SBCTA guidelines state that projects located within a Transit Priorty Area (TPA) may be presumed to have a less than significant impact absent substantial evidence to the contrary. Based on the SBCTA screening tool results presented in Exhibit 2, the project is not located within $1 / 2$ mile of an existing major transit stop, or along a high-quality transit corridor.

This screening criteria is NOT MET.

## - LOW VMT AREA SCREENING

The SBCTA guidelines state that residential and office projects located within low VMT-generating areas may be presumed to have a less than significant impact absent substantial evidence to the contrary. Employmentrelated and mixed-use land use projects may also qualify for this screening step if the project can be expected to generate a VMT that is similar to the existing land uses in the low VMT area. Based on the SBCTA screening tool results presented in Exhibit 2, the project is not located within a low VMT area.

This screening criteria is NOT MET.

## - PROJECT TYPE

Local serving projects reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled by providing residents with more employment opportunities locally. In accordance with the SBCTA guidelines, local serving retail projects less than 50,000 square feet may be presumed to have a less than significant impact absent substantial evidence to the contrary. The Project consists of a local serving gas station and car wash facilities that provide local services and is expected to reduce overall VMT.

This screening criteria is MET.

## SUMMARY

The Project is screened out from a full project-level VMT analysis by meeting the Project Type screening. The project can be presumed to have a less than significant impact and further VMT analysis is not required.

Regards,

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EXHIBIT 1. SITE PLAN


EXHIBIT 2. SBCTA VMT SCREENING TOOL RESULT (PAGE 2)

