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**AMA-49-PM 17.191 ARCO  
Commercial Center and Car  
Wash  
SCH 2024020094**

Dear Ms. Gonzalez,

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and provide information on the ARCO Commercial Center and Car Wash Initial Study. The proposed project includes a Lot Line Adjustment, General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Minor Design Review, and Administrative Use Permit applications. A Major Design Review and Administrative Use Permit are requested for the construction of an ARCO fueling station consisting of a 3,400 square-foot AM/PM convenience store and an automatic car wash. The project includes a 4,606 square-foot canopy, six (6) multi-product dispensers that would create a total of twelve (12) vehicle fueling stations, the installation of three (3) underground storage tanks, and associated improvements.

The project site is located at 18725 State Route (SR) 49 in the community of Plymouth within Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 010-062-001 and 010-062-002.

### **Caltrans, at this time has the following comments:**

#### **Environmental**

If any construction related activities will encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, like the Mitigated Negative Declaration, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans ROW, at the project site(s).

**Hydrology**

Per "Proposed Site Plan", the proposed development will generate a significant increase in impervious pavement runoff area. If historical undeveloped topography shows drainage from this site flowed into the State Right-of-Way (ROW), it may continue to do so with the conditions that peak flows may not be increased from the pre-construction quantity. Any increase in runoff generated by the proposed development should be stored and mitigated onsite. Caltrans would not allow additional runoff draining into the State ROW nor significantly impacting the existing drainage facilities.

We request to review the pre- and post-construction stormwater runoff calculations for two (2) 10-year/24-hour storm event, drainage and grading plans to ensure the development will not adversely impact the existing State's drainage system.

**Encroachment Permits**

If any future project activities encroach into State ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within State ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Ashley Cooper at (209) 670-9488 or at Ashley.Cooper@dot.ca.gov or me at (209) 639-8832 (email: gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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