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RE: Encanto Park Regional Stormwater
Capture Project
SCH # 2025051429
Vic. LA-605/PM 25.807
GTS # LA-2025-4829-MND

Dear Grace Kast:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The project entails constructing and operating a stormwater capture and treatment facility on the western side of Encanto Park, as well as other ancillary park improvements. The treatment facility would intercept stormwater and dry-weather flow from existing underground storm drain pipelines within the park and pump the water to a shallow underground reservoir beneath the multi-use field for infiltration into the groundwater basin. An outflow pipe would be installed to convey excess water from the reservoir during heavy storms when all the water is not able to infiltrate. This water would pass through a treatment unit before discharging to the San Gabriel River at the existing outfall that conveys water from the storm drain pipelines beneath the park. The project would replace the turf field surface and make improvements to the park's parking lot.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. As a reminder, all environmental document should include Vehicle Miles Traveled. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

<https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/#guidelines-updates>

The construction of the project would generate temporary trips. The proposed project would generate 22 total daily trips, 5 AM peak hour trips and 5 PM peak hour trips during the construction peak phase. The project would involve construction that would generate temporary construction-related traffic for approximately 8 months and nominal operations traffic. The increase in VMT associated with projects' construction is expected to be temporary and would therefore not cause a significant VMT impact.

The operation of the proposed project can be considered "small project" per the City's Transportation Study Guidelines and Governor's Office of Planning and Research Technical Advisory given that it would not generate greater than 110 daily trips and would therefore be presumed to have a less than significant VMT impact.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Any large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods for the construction phase and operation phase. Construction truck loads should be covered with a tarpaulin cover.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin, the project coordinator, at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2025-4829-MND.

Sincerely,



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