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RE: LAX Transpacific Cable Landing Project
SCH # 2025071050
Vic. LA-1/PM 25.44
GTS # LA-2025-04867-NOP

Dear Daniel Kim:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The Project consists of undersea (subsea) fiber optic telecommunications cable landing infrastructure that could receive up to four future submarine cable systems and connect this infrastructure to a terrestrial landing site and terrestrial conduits installed along public ROWs to existing data center(s) in the region.

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>

Any incremental VMT increase during Project construction would be temporary and short-term in nature. Therefore, Caltrans concur that the proposed Project's construction phase would not conflict with or be inconsistent with CEQA

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Guidelines Section 15064.3(b), and VMT impacts are anticipated to be less than significant.

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 # GTS # LA-2025-04867-MND.

Sincerely,



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