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RE: De Soto Express Car Wash Project (ENV-2024-494-MND)
SCH # 2025080371
GTS # 07-LA-2025-04878

Dear Correy N Kitchens,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The City of Los Angeles (Van Nuys Office) is proposing the development of an automated approximately 5,111-square-foot, 36 foot and eight-inch-high car wash facility to be equipped with standard car wash equipment. The Project also includes an approximately 1,178- square-foot pay station shade structure to provide shelter for incoming customers and a 988-square-foot, two-story trash enclosure. The Project will provide a total of 32 vehicle vacuum stalls and four bicycle parking spaces. Although the Project would operate as an automated car wash facility, approximately two to five employees per shift would supervise the facility to provide customer service and support. Proposed hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., daily.

The nearest State facilities are Route SR-27, Interstate I-405, and SR-118. After reviewing the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to incorporate multi-modal infrastructure along and within the development boundaries to meet community placemaking and safe urban design objectives. This infrastructure, encompassing ADA-compliant design, adequate sidewalks, high-visibility crosswalks, is crucial for establishing a fully

accessible Complete Street that supports pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.

Caltrans recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. A permit for any heavy construction equipment and or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing potential impacts for Caltrans review.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nestor Lemus, the project coordinator, at Nestor.Lemus@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2025-04878.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse