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Attention: Marshall Cyr
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Environmental Planning and Assessment
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RE: Zero Emissions Port Electrification of Operations and Grid Reliability Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH# 2025120795
GTS# 07-LA-2025-04982
Vic. LA PM: Multiple

Dear Marshall Cyr,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. LADWP proposes to expand the capacity of the electrical subtransmission and electric distribution system within POLA, known as the Zero Emissions Port Electrification of Operations (ZEPEO) Project. LADWP proposes to increase the capacity of electricity distribution within the POLA by installing sixteen new 34.5 kilovolt (kV) underground distribution circuits. Electricity is currently supplied to POLA through Receiving Station (RS) - Q located at the Harbor Generating Station (HGS); however, RS-Q and RS-C (located in Wilmington) will need to increase their electrical capacity to provide the additional 200 megavolt-amperes (MVA) needed for the established port electrification goals. To accommodate the estimated increase in load, LADWP is proposing to expand the capacity of RS-Q and RS-C , install three new switching stations, and construct a wet cooling tower within HGS to maintain existing generation capacity to ensure the reliability and resilience of the City of Los Angeles's electrical power system while additional renewable generation, energy storage, distributed generation, and transmission system improvements are implemented, thereby facilitating the transition to a clean energy future. Project construction is anticipated to start in April 2026 and is anticipated to conclude in December 2030.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans concurs with statements throughout the document confirming the requirement for Caltrans encroachment permits at all locations where Project work interacts with State ROW. This includes any grading, topography, or equipment work that will change the pattern or direction of water runoff in a way that will impact State facilities or ROW.

A condition of approval for issued entitlements shall include a requirement to work with Caltrans' Office of Permits to obtain the appropriate encroachment permits. Final design requirements for any proposed changes to infrastructure within or along Caltrans Right-of-way will be determined by the Office of Permits. At the time of permit application there will be rounds of review and corrections to ensure all design, Right-of-way, access management, water runoff, environmental, and statutory requirements are being addressed.

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Finally, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2025-04982.

Sincerely,

Anthony Higgins for
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LDR Branch Chief

Cc: State Clearinghouse