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RE: City of Maywood Climate Action,
Adaptation, and Resilience Plan Project
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Dear Miguel Leon:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The project involves the adoption and implementation of the City of Maywood's (City) first Climate Action, Adaptation, and Resilience Plan (CAARP), aimed at fostering a healthy, safe, and environmentally responsible community. Through this initiative, the City seeks to create a robust framework that addresses the challenges of climate change by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enhancing community resilience. The CAARP outlines a strategic roadmap with clear goals and actionable measures designed to accelerate emissions reduction efforts.

Caltrans aims to provide a safe, reliable transportation network that respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) mandates using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) to identify transportation impacts for future developments. All environmental documents should include VMT metrics. For more information, refer to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR):

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

Caltrans concurs with the VMT Reduction Strategies in Table 1, focusing on smart mobility and active transportation. Measures include enhancing public transit (Measure M1), upgrading walking and biking infrastructure (Measure M2), promoting carpooling via TDM programs (Measure M3), and managing parking (Measure M4). The integration of affordable housing emphasizes the connection between transportation, land use, and housing policy. Table 1 offers a comprehensive plan to reduce VMT and GHG emissions.

The CAARP aligns with policies promoting sustainable and multimodal transportation. It aims to enhance active transportation and public transit, thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT), air pollutants, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Specifically, the CAARP will enhance pedestrian networks to increase sidewalk coverage and amenities (Measure M3), expand bicycle facilities by providing safe infrastructure such as bike paths and lanes (Measure M3), encourage end-of-trip bicycle accommodations by installing bike parking and lockers at key destinations (Measure M3), and extend the bikeway network to offer more options for cyclists (Measure M3).

Furthermore, the CAARP will be strategically integrated within existing state planning and funding initiatives that connect land use and transportation, aligning with Senate Bill (SB) 375, which fosters sustainable communities by linking regional transportation plans with land-use decisions, and SB 379, which mandates local governments to incorporate climate adaptation and resiliency strategies into their general plans.

The CAARP highlights the importance of alternative transportation methods and reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). By expanding the transit network coverage (Measure M1), providing end-of-trip bicycle facilities (Measure M3), and extending the bikeway network (Measure M3), the plan supports sustainable transportation and aligns with CEQA guidelines. These efforts aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance the community's transportation infrastructure.

The City may enhance its efforts by adopting additional TDM strategies from Caltrans' Local Development Review Transportation Demand Management Toolbox. These measures include dynamic congestion pricing, advanced traffic signal systems, and promoting telecommuting and flexible work hours. Implementing these strategies will further reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, contributing to a healthier, more resilient community.

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/district-4/documents/d4-transportation-planning-local-assistance/ldr/final-draft-2023-ldr-tdm-toolbox-071923-a11y.pdf>

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-2026-04990-MND.

Sincerely,



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