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City of Diamond Bar
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RE: 1400 Montefino Project – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2026030434
GTS # 07-LA-2026-05037

Dear Mayuko Nakajima:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The Project proposes to demolish the existing office building and associated improvements to develop a residential community with 49 dwelling units within 28 residential buildings in a mix of detached and attached condominiums of up to three stories in height.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Caltrans is a commenting agency on this project and has the following comments:

As Caltrans seeks to promote safe, accessible multimodal transportation (i.e. walking, biking, and transit) options, please encourage the use of transit among future residents and visitors of the development. Providing improved multimodal transportation to housing can encourage residents to utilize alternative transportation options, thus improving public health by reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, reduction to congestion, and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).

Caltrans recognizes there is a strong link between transportation and land use. Development can have a significant impact on traffic and congestion on State transportation facilities. In particular, the pattern of land use can affect both local VMT and the number of trips. Caltrans supports collaboration with local agencies to work towards a safe, functional, interconnected, multi-modal transportation network integrated through applicable "smart growth" type land use planning and policies.

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Due to the project's proximity to various commercial developments and the post office, please consider incorporating a mixture of uses within the project. Mixed use development offers an opportunity to encourage multi-modal travel and a reduction in VMT. Short local car trips can potentially be replaced with walking, bicycling, and transit trips.

Consider a reduction in car parking as excessive parking supply induces unnecessary car trips. Please consider incorporating TDM strategies alongside parking reforms, shared parking arrangements, pricing strategies, and improved first-and last-mile connections.

All construction haul vehicles accessing the State Highway System must use routes approved by Caltrans. 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 for the construction phase and operation phase. Construction truck loads should be covered with a tarpaulin cover.

The applicant shall ensure that construction-related traffic does not adversely impact operations on the State Highway System. All temporary traffic control within or affecting state highways shall comply with the most current edition of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Caltrans standards. The applicant shall ensure that public safety and mobility are maintained during construction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Joseph Jamoradin, the project coordinator, at (805) 732-8047 and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2026-05037.

Sincerely,



Anthony Higgins
Acting LDR Branch Chief

Cc: State Clearinghouse