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City of La Puente
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RE: City of La Puente Mixed-Use Places Project
– Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2026050039
GTS # 07-LA-2026-05067

Dear Juan Galvan:

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 address the City's housing needs to allow a mix of residential, commercial, and community uses by promoting mixed use development in already developed areas near public transit.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Regional access to the site is provided by State Route 60 (SR 60) and Interstate 10 (I-10). 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, transit) options, please encourage the use of transit. 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).

As noted in the Mitigated Negation Declaration, the City's current bicycle network consists only of unmarked and unsigned Class III bicycle routes, where bicycles share the road with vehicles. Caltrans encourages the city to identify opportunities to upgrade the bike network to facilities that are comfortable for people of all ages and abilities, with Class I shared-use paths and Class IV separated bikeways being preferred.

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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.

Consider the inclusion of evaluating parking requirements as excessive parking supply can lead to induced car trips. Please consider incorporating TDM strategies alongside parking reforms, shared parking arrangements, pricing strategies, and improved first-and last-mile connections.

Caltrans encourages the City of La Puente to include guidelines that encourage the development of Complete Streets that provide residents and visitors with a range of transportation options, and that further enhance walking, biking, and transit use. Complete Streets improvements also promote regional connectivity, improve air quality, reduce congestion, promote improved first-/last-mile connections, and increase safety for all modes of transportation. Some ways to enhance walking, biking, and transit include but are not limited to sidewalks with shade, wide sidewalks that enable people to comfortably walk side by side, bike facilities that connect to retail destinations and transit, and high frequency transit.

The Department firmly embraces racial equity, inclusion, and diversity. These values are foundational to achieving our vision of a cleaner, safer, and more accessible and more connected transportation system. Caltrans recognizes the shared responsibility to assist communities of color and underserved communities by removing barriers to provide a more equitable transportation system for all.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Joseph Jamoralin, the project coordinator, at (805) 732-8047 and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2026-05067.

Sincerely,



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Cc: State Clearinghouse