

Memo

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Project: Sewer Lift Station S-7 Reconstruction Project

To: Long Beach Planning Department

From: HDR Engineering, Inc.

Subject: VMT Memorandum

The City of Long Beach (City) Utilities Department (LBUD) is proposing to reconstruct the existing Sewer Lift Station S-7 (S-7) and construct a new force main connection to LBUD's existing gravity sewer main. These improvements are collectively referred to as the Sewer Lift Station S-7 Reconstruction Project (Project). The purpose of this memo is to summarize LBUD's findings regarding the Project's vehicle miles traveled (VMT) impacts in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and City regulations.

Section 15064.3 of the CEQA Guidelines pertains to the assessment of a Project's potential transportation impacts based on the VMT generated by a project. LBUD's Project involves reconstruction of an existing sewer lift (or pump) station and underground force main. Based on these project features, the Project is not considered a transportation project. Although the Project would generate vehicle trips during construction, Section 15064.3 addresses long-term permanent VMT associated with land use development projects and is not specifically concerned with temporary, construction-generated VMT. Rather, as a replacement project, the Project would result in the same VMT post-Project as under existing conditions. No increase in long-term VMT would result because Project operation and maintenance activities would match existing conditions, including trip frequency and origin.

In addition to the CEQA Guidelines, the City's Department of Public Works requires project applicants to analyze the traffic and circulation impacts of proposed projects to comply with City regulations, consistent with Senate Bill (SB) 743. Projects that do not exceed the City's daily and peak-hour trip thresholds of the City's *Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines* are screened out from a Traffic Impact Analysis and a VMT analysis and are assumed to have a less than significant transportation impact for the purposes of CEQA.

As a public utility project that supports community health, safety, and welfare, the Project meets the City's SB 743 screening criteria for "public service use" projects. These uses are typically part of the existing baseline and do not require a separate VMT analysis. Additionally, even under conservative assumptions, construction-related trips are estimated at approximately 70 one-way trips per day at peak, which is well below the City's 500 daily trip threshold for requiring a Traffic Impact Analysis.

Based on these considerations, no further quantification of VMT is required for the purposes of CEQA to support a less than significant finding for Project VMT.