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February 25, 2020

Miya Edmonson
Department of Transportation
District 7 – Office of Transportation Planning
100 S. Main Street, MS 16
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Hollywood Center Project

Dear Ms. Edmonson:

The Department of City Planning received your comment letter dated April 22, 2019 in response to the Hollywood Center Project (Project) Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Public Scoping Meeting. To summarize, the letter provides recommendations for the Project's Draft EIR traffic analysis focusing on potential traffic conflicts pertaining to direct and cumulative trips to state facilities in the project vicinity; off-ramp queuing, local truck factor; affected intersections, acceleration and deceleration lanes, and weaving areas in the project vicinity; and potential traffic improvement measures.

On July 30, 2019, the City of Los Angeles adopted vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as a criteria in determining transportation impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This adoption was required by Senate Bill (SB) 743 and recent changes to Section 15064.3 of the CEQA Guidelines. Over the last five years, the City of Los Angeles Departments of City Planning and Transportation led efforts to facilitate the City's transition to VMT, to prepare new Transportation Assessment Guidelines (TAG) that address these changes, and to revise the Transportation Section to the City's CEQA Threshold Guide. The intent of SB 743 and subsequent changes to CEQA is to appropriately balance the needs of congestion management with statewide goals related to: the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, infill development, and the promotion of public health through active transportation.

In light of the fact that your letter, dated April 22, 2019, predated the recent changes in criteria used to determine transportation impacts, the Department of City Planning would like to provide you with an opportunity to provide updated comments based on the adopted VMT criterion. Please respond to this letter within 10 days of the date of this letter, or by March 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

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