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Subject: Project Information Form and Vehicle Miles Traveled Assessment for the Viewpoint Old Town Project (PRJ-1056469)

Dear Ms. Lithgow,
LOS Engineering, Inc. is pleased to present this Project Information Form (PIF) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Assessment for the Viewpoint Old Town Project. The project is located at 4620 Pacific Highway in a Parking Standards Transit Priority Area (TPA), Transit Area Overlay Zone, Mobility Zone 2, and OTMCR-1-3 zone within the Old Town San Diego Community Planning Area. Local access to the site is proposed via one right-in/right-out only driveway located along Pacific Highway. There is center raised median on Pacific Highway at the driveway location. An entrance-only driveway on Rosecrans Street and exit-only driveway on Pacific Highway is proposed for service vehicles only.

A PIF that includes the project location/context, site plan, project description, and trip generation is required by the City of San Diego to determine the types of analysis that will be required, including a Local Mobility Analysis (LMA) and/or a VMT analysis to evaluate transportation impacts under CEQA. The PIF is included as Attachment A.

The following discretionary approvals are required as part of the project:

1) Neighborhood Development Permit
2) Easement Vacation

The project does not require nor propose a Community Plan Amendment or rezone.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes 223 multi-family dwelling units (48 studios, 113 1-bdm and 62 2bdm, including 33 affordable units with $15 \%$ at very low and $10 \%$ moderate income, and parking for 240 vehicles). On-site residential amenities include two amenity decks, a gym, pool and jacuzzi. A vicinity map is shown in Figure 1. The project site is shown in Figure 2. A site plan is shown in Figure 3.

Figure 1: Project Vicinity Map


Figure 2: Project Location and Walking Path to Transit Station


Source: Google Maps

## Figure 3: Project Site Plan



## PROJECT TRIP GENERATION

The City of San Diego Trip Generation Manual, May 2003 was used to estimate the trip generation for the project.

The project site has approximately $4,980 \mathrm{sf}$ of an existing sit-down high turnover restaurant that is open, operational and generating traffic. The existing restaurant will be removed and replaced by the project. The VMT screening criteria requires the use of an unadjusted trip generation (no trip credit applied for the existing active uses) for the project as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Unadjusted Project Trip Generation

| Land Use | Rate | Size \& Units | ADT | \% | Split | AM |  | \% | Split | PM |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | IN | OUT |  |  | IN | OUT |
| Multi-Family Dwelling Unit (over 20 du/acre) | 6 /DU | 223 DU | 1,338 |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 .8 \\ \text { Hr Total } \end{gathered}$ |  | 86 | 9\% | $\begin{array}{ll} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ \mathrm{Hr} \text { Total } \end{array}$ | 84 | $20^{36}$ |

Source: City of San Diego Trip Generation Manual , May 2003. KSF - 1,000 Square Feet; DU: Dwelling Unit.

## VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT)

A VMT analysis is required to satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines that utilize VMT as the measure of effectiveness for determining transportation impacts. The California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Technical Advisory developed guidance on implementing Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) that shifts the transportation impact measure of effectiveness from Level of Service (LOS) to VMT. In compliance with SB 743 and OPR guidance, the City of San Diego has adopted the Transportation Study Manual (TSM, current version dated September 19, 2022) to evaluate impacts under CEQA using a VMT metric.

The screening criteria to determine if a detailed transportation VMT analysis is required is taken from the City of San Diego TSM. A project that meets at least one of eight (8) screening criteria would be presumed to have a less than significant transportation VMT impact due to the project characteristics and/or location:

1) Residential or Commercial Project Located in a VMT Efficient Area: The project is a residential project located in a VMT Efficient Area ( $15 \%$ or more below the base year average household VMT/Capita) based on the applicable location-based screening map produced by SANDAG. The San Diego average regional VMT/resident is 18.9 (and 15\%) would equate to 16.07 ) per SANDAG Series 14 ABM 2+ (Base Year 2016) data.

RESULT: Satisfied because the residential project is located in Census Tract 65 and would be expected to generate 15.7 VMT/Capita which is $82.9 \%$ of the regional average VMT/Capita of 18.9 (Attachment B). Therefore, the residential project is screened out form a VMT analysis.

The project does not require a full VMT analysis because the residential project satisfies the VMT Efficient Area criteria per the SANDAG screening map. Therefore, the project would be presumed to have a less than significant transportation VMT impact.

## DRIVEWAY ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

Vehicular access is proposed from a right-in/right-out only driveway on Pacific Highway and a right-in only driveway on Rosecrans St for a loading area and exit only driveway on Pacific Highway as shown in Figure 3. Eight existing driveways (6 on Pacific Highway and 2 on Rosecrans Street) will be closed and replaced with full height curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

## PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

Pedestrian access would be from reconstructed non-contiguous sidewalks along the project frontage on Pacific Highway and Rosecrans St. Project improvements regarding street trees, landscaping, and pedestrian amenities are shown in Attachment C.

## TRANSIT

The project is located within a Parking Standards Transit Priority Area (TPA), Transit Area Overlay Zone, Mobility Zone 2, and OTMCR-1-3 zone per the City of San Diego Project Tracking System layer. The project building entrance is approximately 800 feet from the Old Town Transit Center, which provides service to Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) 11 bus routes, the UCSD Blue Line Trolley, and the Sycuan Green Line Trolley, Coaster rail, Amtrak rail, and an airport shuttle. Transit services adjacent to the project are shown in Figure 4. A summary of peak hour and off-peak transit services for weekdays is shown in Table 2 with weekend services shown in Table 3.

Figure 4: Nearby Transit Services


Table 2: Weekday Transit Service Summary

| Bus Route | Weekday (Mon-Fri) Service Operations (Off-Peak Service Frequency Range) | 7-9 AM Peak Hour Service Frequency | 4-6 PM Peak Hour Service Frequency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bus Route 8 | $\approx 5: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 1: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ ( $\approx 20-30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | 20 minutes | 20 minutes |
| Bus Route 9 | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 10: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 20-30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | 30 minutes | 20 minutes |
| Bus Route 10 | $\approx 5: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 12: 00 \mathrm{AM}(\approx 15-30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | 15 minutes | 15 minutes |
| Bus Route 28 | $\approx 5: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 11: 00 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | 20 minutes | 30 minutes |
| Bus Route 30 | $\approx 5: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 12: 30 \mathrm{AM}(\approx 20-40 \mathrm{~min}$.) | 15 minutes | 15 minutes |
| Bus Route 35 | $\approx 5: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 11: 00 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 20-30 \mathrm{~min}$. | 20 minutes | 20 minutes |
| Bus Route 44 | $\approx 5: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 11: 30 \mathrm{PM}$ ( $\approx 15-30$ minutes) | 15 minutes* | 15 minutes |
| Bus Route 83 | $\approx 6: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 6: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 70 \mathrm{~min}$.) | 70 minutes | 70 minutes |
| Bus Route 84 | ** | ** | ** |
| Bus Route 88 | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 9: 00 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$. | 30 minutes | 30 minutes |
| Bus Route 105 | $\approx 5: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 10: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30-60 \mathrm{~min}$.) | 30 minutes | 30 minutes |

* While Mesa College is in session during fall and spring semesters, Route 44 has a 7-9am peak hour frequency of 5-10 minutes. ** Bus Route 84 departs the Old Town Transit Center once at 6:13am.

Table 3: Weekend Transit Service Summary

| Bus Route | Saturday Service Operations (Service Frequency Range) | Sunday Service Operations (Service Frequency Range) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bus Route 8 | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 12: 30 \mathrm{AM}(\approx 20-30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 10: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 20-30 \mathrm{~min}$.) |
| Bus Route 9 | $\approx 6: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 10: 00 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | $\approx 7: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 9: 00 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$. |
| Bus Route 10 | $\approx 5: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 12: 00 \mathrm{AM}(\approx 20-30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 9: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) |
| Bus Route 28 | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 10: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | $\approx 6: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 8: 00 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 60 \mathrm{~min}$.) |
| Bus Route 30 | $\approx 5: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 12: 30 \mathrm{AM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 12: 00 \mathrm{AM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) |
| Bus Route 35 | $\approx 6: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 11: 00 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | $\approx 6: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 9: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$. |
| Bus Route 44 | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 11: 00 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 10: 00 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) |
| Bus Route 83 | NA | NA |
| Bus Route 84 | NA | NA |
| Bus Route 88 | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 8: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 30 \mathrm{~min}$.) | NA |
| Bus Route 105 | $\approx 6: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 8: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 60 \mathrm{~min}$.) | $\approx 7: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ to $\approx 8: 30 \mathrm{PM}(\approx 60 \mathrm{~min}$. |

## BICYCLE

The Old Town San Diego Community Plan, (adopted October 29, 2018) shows an existing Class II bike lane and proposed Class IV Cycle Track on Pacific Highway along the project frontage; and a proposed Class II bike lane on Rosecrans St along the project frontage. A Class II bike lane exists along the project frontage on Pacific Highway. There are no bike lanes nor routes on Rosecrans St along the project frontage. The project will construct the Class II Bicycle Lane on Rosecrans and the Class IV Cycle track on Pacific Highway along its frontage per the current development plans. The project will include bicycle parking. Excerpts from the Old Town Community Plan are included in Attachment D.

## PARKING

The project proposes to utilize Section 142.0528 of the SDMC with a minimum parking requirement of 0 vehicular parking spaces, which requires on-site Transportation Amenities to be provided. Additionally, the project is exempt from the Mobility Choices ordinance per Section 143.1102(b), as it is a residential project located in Mobility Zone 2 providing transportation amenities.

The project is not required to provide vehicular parking spaces per Section 142.0528 (c) as it is located in a Parking Standards Transit Priority Area and will provide transportation amenities per the Transportation Amenity calculator (However, see next paragraph for parking spaces to be provided). The project is proposing an on-site bicycle repair station to satisfy the transportation amenities requirement of 2 points as required per the City of San Diego Municipal Code 142.0528 (c).

The existing site has 175 on-site parking spaces (171 standard and 4 accessible from an ALTA survey, Attachment E) that are currently used by the existing restaurant and these spaces will be removed as part of the project. The project proposes vehicle parking to include 240 total spaces ( 220 standard, 14 tandem, and 6 accessible). The project is required to provide a minimum of 22 motorcycle parking spaces and 96 bicycle parking spaces. The project proposes 23 motorcycle spaces in the parking garage and 97 bicycle spaces within secured rooms, which meets the minimum parking requirements for these modes.

## CONCLUSION

This analysis was prepared to determine if a full transportation VMT analysis would be required for the proposed development project of 223 multi-family dwelling units.

The project does not require a full VMT analysis because the residential project satisfies the VMT Efficient Area criteria in an area that is $82.9 \%$ of the regional average VMT/capita; therefore, the project would be presumed to have a less than significant transportation VMT impact.

Sincerely,
LOS Engineering, Inc.


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Attachment A City of San Diego Project Information Form
Attachment B SANDAG Series 14 ABM2+ (Base Year 2016) Screening Map
Attachment C Pedestrian and Landscaping Improvements
Attachment D Excerpt from Old Town San Diego Community Plan
Attachment E ALTA Survey for On-Site Parking

## ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PROJECT INFORMATION FORM (PIF)

## City of San Diego <br> Project Information Form

## Project Information

| Project Name: Viewpoint Pacific Highway |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Project Applicant |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name: Viewpoint Development |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Address: 16830 Ventura Blvd, Suite 360 Encino, CA 91436 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Contact Information | Phone  <br> Number: 85 | 858-945-7949 |  | Email: | Chris.livoni@viewpointco |  |
| Project Location and Context |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Project Address: 4635 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92110 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| APN: 442-740-0600 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Driveway CrossStreets: Pacific Highway at Rosecrans St |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Please attach a Project Location Map that clearly identifies project driveways and access points. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Plan <br> Area: | Old Town | Land Use <br> Designation: | Mix | mm | Zoning Designation: | OTMCR-1-3 |
| Is any portion of the project located in an RTIP Transit Priority Area?: $\square$ Yes $\square$ No |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Project Description (with Proposed Land Uses and Intensities): <br> Redevelopment project replacing an open and operating sit down high turnover restaurant (4,980 sf) with a seven story apartment building with 223 units (33 affordable \& 190 market rate). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Parking Spaces: | Vehicle Spaces | Accessible | Spaces |  | e Spaces and secure orage) | Motorcycle Spaces |
|  | 240 | 6 |  |  | 97 | 23 |
| Identify any project features related to TDM and Identify any transportation amenities or travel demand management measures that are required based on the San Diego Municipal Code Section 142.0528 (transportation amenities) or the Climate Action Plan Consistency Checklist. For example: transit pass subsidies, unbundled parking, shuttle services, car share, bicycle supportive features (bike repair station, bike lockers, etc.). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Please attach a project site plan that clearly identifies the following: <br> - Land use types and quantities, and number of parking spaces provided (vehicle and bicycle) clearly identified. <br> - Driveway locations and type (full access, partial access, right in/out only) identified. <br> - Pedestrian access, bicycle access and on-site pedestrian circulation clearly identified. <br> - Location/distance of closest existing transit stop and proposed transit stops identified in RTIP (measured as walking distance to project entrance/or middle of parcel). |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Trip Generation Estimates <br> (calculated using the <br> process described in the <br> TSM): | Unadjusted Driveway Trips |  |  | Total Net New Trips |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Daily: | 1338 | Daily: | 591 |  |
|  | AM Peak Hour: | 107 | AM Peak Hour: | -2 |  |
|  | PM Peak Hour: | 120 | PM Peak Hour: | 112 |  |

## Preliminary Screening Criteria

| CEQA Transportation Analysis Screening <br> 1) Select the Land Uses that apply to your project <br> 2) Answer the questions for each Land Use that applies to your project (if "Yes" in any land use category below then that land use (or a portion of the land use) is screened from CEQA Transportation Analysis) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No |
| 1. Redevelopment Project: |  |  |  |
|  | a. Does the project result in a net decrease in total Project VMT? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
|  | b. Answer if yes to 1a. If the project replaces affordable housing with market rate housing, are there more market rate units planned than existing affordable units being replaced. | ) | $\bigcirc$ |
| $\checkmark$ | 2. Residential Project: |  |  |
|  | a. Is the project in a VMT/Capita Efficient Area (per SANDAG screening maps)? | (-) |  |
|  | b. Does the project include Affordable Housing? $\frac{33}{\text { Affordable Units }}+\frac{190}{\text { Market Rate Units }}=\frac{223}{\text { Total Units }}$ <br> All affordable units are screened out. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 3. Commercial Employment Project: |  |  |  |
|  | - Is the project in a VMT/Employee Efficient Area? (per SANDAG screening maps?) | , | ) |
| 4. Industrial Employment Project |  |  |  |
|  | - Is the project in a VMT/Industrial Employee Efficient Area? | $\bigcirc$ | ) |
| 5. Retail/Public Facility/Recreational |  |  |  |
|  | - Is the project locally serving: - Retail OR Public Facility OR Recreational |  |  |
| 6. Small Project |  |  |  |
|  | - For all components of a project that are not screened out above (all 'Yes’ in a land use category), what is the daily unadjusted driveway trip generation? <br> Is it less than 300 daily trips? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |


| Local Mobility Analysis |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Is your project's land use <br> consistent with the <br> Community Plan zoning? | Consistent <br> $\square$ Generates less than <br> 1,000 daily trips <br> (unadjusted driveway trips) | Inconsistent <br> driveway trips) |  |
| Will project development <br> be phased? | No | In what month are traffic <br> counts planned to be <br> conducted? |  |

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## ATTACHMENT B

SANDAG Screening Map


## ATTACHMENT C

Pedestrian and Landscaping Improvements











## ATTACHMENT D

## Excerpt from Old Town San Diego Community Plan



The City of San Diego

# Approval of the Old Town San Diego Community Plan 

| Description | Date Approved by <br>  <br> Report Number | Date Approved by <br>  <br> Resolution Number |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Adoption of the Old Town San Diego <br> Community Plan | July 26, 2018 <br> Report No. PC-18-015 | October 29, 2018 <br> R-312027 |

FIGURE 4-2: EXISTING AND PLANNED BICYCLE FACILITIES


## ATTACHMENT E

ALTA Survey for On-Site Parking



[^0]:    If a project generates 1,000 or more daily trips (consistent with community plan and zoning) or 500 or more daily trips (inconsistent with community plan or zoning), attach an exhibit showing the project's trip distribution percentages and project trip assignment using the process described in the TSM.

