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Wilmington Waterfront Project  
Draft Environmental Impact Report  
LOS /110 various  
IGR No. 081217/EK

December 26, 2008

Dear Dr. Appy:

We have received the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Project referenced at above right. The project would involve park and open space areas, facilities for active and passive recreation, and commercial/industrial development. For the California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), we have the following comments.

The project is stated to not degrade traffic Level of Service below adopted standards, on County CMP facilities (section 4.2.11.4.2). We incidentally remind you that Caltrans is the agency of jurisdiction over State highway facilities and that its criteria of traffic analysis should also be considered. For Caltrans criteria on traffic studies, impacts, and mitigation cost sharing, the Statewide Guide for the preparation of Traffic Impact Studies can be found at the following WEB-site:

Currently, several Caltrans facilities improvements involving interchanges along the southern I-110 freeway, in the vicinity of the proposed project, are in the planning stages. These improvements, including C Street and Harry Bridges / John Gibson Boulevards realignments, are planned to mitigate impacts of developments such as port expansions. If Wilmington Waterfront would result in further cumulative (through year 2020) traffic impacts on Caltrans facilities that are being improved in order to mitigate impacts, we ask for consideration of allocating an appropriate contribution share towards their costs.

If oversize or overweight vehicles would use State facilities during construction, permits from the Department would be needed. We advise allowing time for review by the Caltrans Transportation Permits Office in San Bernardino [telephone (909) 383-4637]. We ask for use of methods to avoid caravans of construction vehicles that could interfere with use of freeway interchanges. We also request avoidance of running substantial numbers of large vehicles during periods of commute traffic.

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If you have any questions regarding our comments, please refer to our internal IGR/CEQA Record Number 081217. Also please do not hesitate to contact our review coordinator Edwin Kampmann at (213) 897-1346 or to contact me at (213) 897-6696. Our E-mail addresses are edwin_kampman@dot.ca.gov and elmer_alvarez@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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