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Mr. Norris:

Lewis Retail General Plan Amendment Project Number PLN17-20029, PLN17-20015
SCH#2017101024 (Riv 15 PM 46.97)

We have completed the review of the initial study of Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the above named project for the General Planned Amendment, Change of Zone, and Parcel Map. Proposal is to change land use designation to commercial retail, site 1 to change the zoning to General Commercial; Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide site 1 into 8 commercial parcels and one right of Way (ROW) parcel site.

As the owner and operator of the State Highway System (SHS), it is our responsibility to coordinate and consult with local jurisdictions when proposed development may impact our facilities. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), we are required to make recommendations to offset associated impacts with the proposed project. Although the project is under the jurisdiction of the City of Eastvale due to the Project's potential impact to State facilities it is also subject to the policies and regulations that govern the SHS.

We recommend the City consider amending some 5 to 10 acres of the 23 acre site for Highest Density Residential to address the housing crisis, reduce Green House Gas Emissions and Vehicle Miles Traveled.

Multimodal Accessibility:

Caltrans encourages the provision of multimodal transportation options for road users in order to mitigate congestion and reduce vehicle miles traveled, which in turn reduces greenhouse gas emissions and our State's effect on climate change. This is reflected in our mission, to "provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability". Caltrans therefore seeks to reduce vehicle trips associated with proposed new local development and recommends appropriate mitigation measures that address the transportation impacts of such development. These measures may include the planning and provision of access for the circulation of bicycles, pedestrians, and transit users.

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- Collaborate with local and regional partners to plan, develop, and maintain effective bicycle, pedestrian, and transit networks.
- Encourage local agencies to include bicycle, pedestrian, and transit elements in regional and local planning documents, including general plans, transportation plans, and circulation elements.
- Promote land uses that encourage bicycle, pedestrian, and transit travel.
- Promote awareness of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit needs to develop an integrated, multimodal transportation system.
- Maximize bicycle, pedestrian, and transit safety and mobility through each project's life cycle.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments concerning this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Talvin Dennis at (909) 806-3957 or myself at (909) 383-4557 for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MARK ROBERTS
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