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Subject: **VESTING TRACT MAP NO. 72367-SL-1A**

Reference is made to your request for review of this case regarding potential traffic access problems. Based upon this review, it is recommended that:

The current CEQA law allows for each jurisdiction to set the thresholds on which a traffic study is required, The City of Los Angeles has set thresholds based on the trip generation of individual projects and not cumulative projects. Cumulative projects are taken into account when the traffic study is performed for an individual project of potential significance. While the letter points out a list of related projects within two miles of the project in question, there is no mention of what existing uses were removed (if any) as a result of these projects. Also, without distributing the trips over a network of intersections, there is no way to tell if these projects would impact the same intersections as the propose project.

If the number of cumulative trips were to be considered as a factor to determine whether a project needs a study or not, almost every potential project would require a traffic study. However, it is very unlikely that most of these projects would generate enough trips (when distributed over a network of study intersections) would cause a significant impact. The cumulative projects would raise the background traffic, but the actual project trips for small developments would be insignificant. Lager projects that meet the threshold have a far greater potential to impact an intersection chosen for study.

Please contact this section at (213) 482-7024 for any questions regarding the above.

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