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June 14, 2006

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Dear Ms. Neal:

Upland Crossing Specific Plan
State Clearinghouse 2005101030
(08-SBd- 66 PM 0.1+/-)

The California Department of Transportation has reviewed (Caltrans) the Uplands Crossing Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The transmittal materials describes the specific plan as 355 multifamily dwelling units, a 27,500 square foot commercial center, and 1.5 acres of recreational trails within 31.6 acres. The site adjoins Foothill Boulevard/State Route 66 (SR-66) to the north. To the west the site adjoins Monte Vista Avenue. The City of Claremont is located just west of Monte Vista Avenue.

Due to the number of dwelling units and other land uses that are proposed and that abuts the SR-66 right-of-way, we believe project development will impact existing State facilities. We recommend the following additional review work be completed or amendments to the specific plan design be undertaken or considered:

Traffic Impact Mitigation:

- Section 4.15, states that a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) was prepared in April 2006. It is also referenced in Appendix 7 of the DEIR, however only a portion is included in this DEIR submittal. We would like to review the complete TIA prior to commenting on the mitigation measures stated in the DEIR.
- Where ever possible new access should be to an adjoining local street, not to the State Highway.

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- The project’s forecast year should be 2030 not 2025. Provide lane configuration sheets for 2030. Provide an LOS analysis with proposed improvements. D3
- The Traffic Impact Analysis should be consistent with Appendix C/Figure C-1 per San Bernardino County CMP, 2005 Update, “Preparation of SANBAG and Caltrans TIA Reports.” This guide is available on the internet at: http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/planning/nexus-study/Congestion-mgmt_app-c.pdf D4

Drainage Impacts:

- Existing capacity of affected State drainage systems cannot be exceeded. Should 100-year project runoff volumes be determined to exceed the maximum capacity of the existing State drainage facilities, construction of on-site detention basins, new drainage systems or other impact mitigation will be required. D5
- Future review of project drainage design will include an evaluation of runoff impacts to adjacent State Right-of Way (R/W). Where applicable, compliance with pertinent National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/water quality standards will be required.

Encroachment Permits:

Any proposed alterations to existing improvements within State right-of-way shall only be performed upon issuance of a valid Encroachment Permit and must conform to current Caltrans design standards and construction practices. An Encroachment Permit will be required for mitigation work. D6

Review and approval of street, grading and drainage construction plans and related studies will be necessary prior to Caltrans permit issuance. Permit application and submittal requirements may be obtained by contacting:

Office of Permits
Department of Transportation
464 West 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS-619
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400
(909) 383-4526

Or you may visit our web page at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits>

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We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments concerning this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mark Roberts, IGR/CEQA Liaison at (909) 383-2515 for assistance.

Sincerely,



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