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SUBJECT: De Minimis Amendment Determination for City of Redondo Beach LCP
Amendment No. LCP-5-RDB-21-0061-1

City of Redondo Beach's Proposed Amendment

The City of Redondo Beach is proposing to modify Local Coastal Program (LCP) Implementation Plan (IP) Section 10-5.2400 related to measuring the impacts of new development on transportation-related pollution and energy consumption. The amendment will allow the City to analyze vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in assessing how to mitigate transportation impacts and reduce traffic congestion stemming from development. Additionally, the amendment will modify Section 10-5.2402 to include VMT in the list of definitions.

De Minimis LCP Amendment Determination

Pursuant to Coastal Act Section 30514(d), the Executive Director may determine that a proposed LCP amendment is "de minimis." In order to qualify as a de minimis amendment, the amendment must meet the following three criteria:

1. The Executive Director determines that the proposed amendment would have no impact, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources, and that it is consistent with the policies of Chapter 3;
2. The local government provides public notice of the proposed amendment at least 21 days prior to submitting the amendment to the Commission, by one of the following methods: posting on-site and off-site in the affected area, newspaper publication, or direct mailing to owners and occupants of contiguous property; and
3. The amendment does not propose any change in use of land or water or allowable use of property.

If the Executive Director determines that an amendment is de minimis, that determination must be reported to the Commission. If three or more commissioners object to the de minimis LCP amendment determination, then the amendment shall be

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set for a future public hearing; if three or more commissioners do not object to the de minimis determination, then the amendment is deemed approved, and it becomes a certified part of the LCP ten days after the date of the Commission meeting (in this case, November 27, 2021.)

The purpose of this notice is to advise interested parties of the Executive Director's determination that the proposed LCP amendment is de minimis. Each of the de minimis criteria is discussed briefly below:

- 1. No impact to coastal resources and consistency with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act:** In December 2018, the State of California certified Senate Bill 743 requiring that VMT shall be the primary impact criteria for transportation analysis. The State determined that VMT is an effective parameter in analyzing how projects can be designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, encourage infill development, and improve public health with more active transportation. The proposed amendment will define VMT in the certified IP and encourage consideration of VMT in determining a project's effect on surrounding transportation and associated energy consumption and vehicle pollution, consistent with statewide efforts to address climate change. The incorporation of VMT analysis in the certified LCP will not adversely affect coast resources and is consistent with the policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.
- 2. Provision of Public Notice:** The City provided public notice in advance of the Planning Commission hearing (held on June 17, 2021) and the City Council hearing (held on July 6, 2021) where the proposed amendment was considered. Public notices for all meeting dates were posted at City Hall and published in the Beach Reporter, a newspaper published and circulated in Redondo Beach and other coastal communities. The amendment submittal was subsequently received by the South Coast District office of the Coastal Commission on September 15, 2021 and filed incomplete on September 29, 2021. Upon receipt of requested materials, the amendment application was filed as complete on November 4, 2021. Therefore, the 21-day noticing requirement has been satisfied.
- 3. No change in use of land or water or allowable use of property.** No change in use of lands or property is proposed by this amendment.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The Coastal Commission's review and development process for LCPs and LCP amendments has been certified by the Secretary of Resources as being the functional equivalent of the environmental review required by CEQA. On June 17, 2021, the City determined the proposed LCP amendment exempt from CEQA on the basis of Section 153080 of the State CEQA regulations. The amendment will improve the City's compliance with current CEQA guidelines and thus, it is unnecessary for the Commission to suggest modifications to the proposed amendment.

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Coastal Commission Concurrence

The Executive Director will report this de minimis LCP amendment determination, and any comments received on it, to the Coastal Commission at its remote November 17, 2021 hearing. If any interested parties have questions or wish to request additional information regarding the proposed amendment or the method under which it is being processed, please contact Chloe Seifert at the South Coast District Office in Long Beach. If you wish to comment on and/or object to the proposed de minimis LCP amendment determination, please do so prior to 5pm on November 12, 2021.

Procedural Note - LCP Amendment Action Deadline

The proposed LCP amendment was filed as complete on November 4, 2021. It amends solely the IP and the 60-day Permit Streamlining Act deadline is January 3, 2022. Thus, unless the Commission extends the action deadline (it may be extended by up to one year), the Commission has until January 3, 2022 to take final action on this LCP amendment.