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### **RE: Spreckels Lane LLC Negative Declaration (NEG)**

Dear Son Pham-Gallardo:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review the NEG for the Spreckels Lane LLC project, which provides the construction of a 101,087 square foot self-storage unit. Caltrans supports local development that is consistent with State planning priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety. We accomplish this by working with local jurisdictions to achieve a shared vision of how the transportation system should and can accommodate interregional and local travel and development. Caltrans offers the following comments in response to the NEG:

1. Please be aware that if any future work is completed in the State's right-of-way it will require an encroachment permit from Caltrans and must be done to our engineering and environmental standards and at no cost to the State. The conditions of approval and the requirements for the encroachment permit are issued at the sole discretion of the Permits Office, and nothing in this letter shall be implied as limiting those future conditions and requirements. For more information regarding the encroachment permit process, please visit our Encroachment Permit Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.
2. All future work will need to conform to the Caltrans Encroachment Permits Manual, Chapter 600. Additional utility installation requirements, which may apply, are found in Chapter 17 of the Project Development Procedures Manual. Deviations to Caltrans Encroachment Permit Policies may require an exception. This requirement and process will be outlined by the District Permit Engineer in the pre-submittal conference.

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