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**County of Los Angeles Fire Department response to  
Questionnaire Request, Dated November 6, 2014**



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90063-3294

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November 6, 2014

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Dear Ms. King:

**QUESTIONNAIRE REQUEST FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT,  
"AZUSA TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT SPECIFIC PLAN," CITY OF AZUSA  
(FFER #201400191)**

The Questionnaire Request for an Environmental Impact Report has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

**PLANNING DIVISION:**

As requested, our comments are included below:

1. LACoFD uses national guidelines for response time targets, which consist of five minutes for the first arriving unit for fires *and basic life support* and eight minutes for advanced life support (paramedic) in urban areas. Correct as modified
2. Fire Station 32: 605 North Angeleno Avenue includes:
  - 4-person engine company (1-fire captain, 1-fire fighter specialist, 1-fire fighter/paramedic and 1-firefighter) Correct

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AZUSA  
BALDWIN PARK  
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BELL GARDENS  
BELLFLOWER  
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CLAREMONT  
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RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
ROLLING HILLS  
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES  
ROSEMEAD  
SAN DIMAS  
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL  
SOUTH EL MONTE  
SOUTH GATE  
TEMPLE CITY  
TEMPLE CITY  
WALNUT  
WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE  
WHITTIER

- 2-person paramedic squad Correct
  - Any other staff or special equipment? No
3. Fire Station 97: 18453 East Sierra Madre includes:
- 4-person engine company (1-fire captain, 1-fire fighter specialist, and 2 fire fighters). Correct
  - Any other staff or special equipment? No

Attached is a draft map of the Specific Plan Area- based on this information can you forecast what the response time would be to properties in this area from Station 32 and Station 97 and if fire protection servicing this area of the City is currently adequate?

*During the 2013 calendar year, the average emergency response time for the City of Azusa was 4:52 minutes. Since the entire project is located within the City, it is anticipated that both stations would have an emergency response time of 5:00 minutes or less, which is within the Fire Department's goal of a 5-minute response time for the 1<sup>st</sup>-arriving unit for fire and EMS responses and 8 minutes for the advanced life support (paramedic) unit in urban areas.*

**LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:**

1. This project does not propose construction of structures or any other improvements at this time. Therefore, until the actual construction is proposed, the project will not have a significant impact to the Fire Department's Land Development Unit.
2. Should any questions arise regarding subdivision, water systems, or access, please contact the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit Inspector, Claudia Soiza, at (323) 890-4243.

**FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:**

1. The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance.

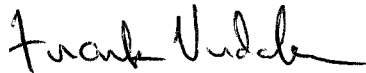
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**HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:**

1. The Health Hazardous Materials Division has no comment at this time.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



FRANK VIDALES, CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION  
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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