



MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: 113560 08-SPPE-01 RERC Units 3&4
Supplemental Traffic Cumulative Impacts Analysis

MESSAGE

Section 6.9, Traffic and Transportation, of 08-SPPE-01 Application for RERC 3&4 states that the Jurupa Avenue/Van Buren Boulevard intersection currently operates at Level of Service (LOS) E. The intersection will operate at LOS E during both AM and PM peak hours with Project Construction Conditions in 2009 (page 6.9-26). While this is below the County of Riverside Guidelines acceptable LOS D, the proposed project would not result in a deterioration of LOS.

The Jurupa Avenue/Van Buren intersection was identified in the City of Riverside 2025 General Plan as having both significant and unavoidable impacts because of regional "Cut-Through" traffic (freeway to freeway). The City has adopted all feasible mitigation measures with respect to these Direct and Cumulative Impacts. The City Council adopted a "statement of overriding consideration" pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15043 and 15093. Because the benefits of the 2025 Plan outweigh the unavoidable significant effects, Cut-Through streets (e.g. Jurupa Avenue) and intersections (e.g. Jurupa Avenue/Van Buren Boulevard) will be allowed to operate at a level of service below the acceptable County threshold of LOS D.

RPU is willing to place language into the RERC Units 3 & 4 contractor bid packages that would result in minimizing the number of construction related vehicle trips through the Jurupa Avenue/Van Buren Boulevard intersection during AM and PM peak hours. Adequate accessible off-street parking areas will be provided both on site and immediately adjacent at the Riverside Regional Water Quality Control Plant. All cars will be parked within the fenced power plant-wastewater facility area.

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The Proposed Project will not result in a significant impact on an individual or cumulative basis to traffic conditions on affected roadways or intersections. The Project related LOS would not deteriorate by a measurable amount below the pre-Project level (the LOS for the Jurupa Avenue/Van Buren Intersection is currently at LOS E and would not change with the construction or operation of the Proposed Project). Project related traffic would not cause a further decline in traffic conditions to intersections and associated roadways potentially affected by the Proposed Project.