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RE: Entrada South and Valencia Commerce
Center Project
SCH # 2000011025
Vic. LA-05/PM R54.38-R56.61,
LA-126/PM R4.87
GTS # LA-2021-04460AL-
Street Widening

Dear Jose L. Suarez:

Caltrans is committed to providing a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. We are writing to provide information about the Caltrans encroachment permit process at the prompting of the project applicant. We have reviewed plans for two alternatives for the improvements requesting street widening along The Old Road under the Biscailuz Bridge which is within Caltrans' right-of-way.

In order to provide for the street widening, a tie-back retaining wall will need to be installed under the bridge. This improvement will require Caltrans review and approval of an encroachment permit at the construction document stage. An approved CEQA document with FEIR will need to accompany the encroachment permit request.

Please be reminded that any work performed within the State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standards and specifications. Here is the information link to the Caltrans Encroachment Permits.

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>

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For further information, the applicant may refer to the Encroachment Permits Manual. The manual is a comprehensive guide that outlines the policies, procedures, and requirements for obtaining an encroachment permit from Caltrans. The manual provides information on the environmental review process, including the requirements for conducting environmental assessments. The Encroachment Permits Manual can be found in the link below:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/ep-manual>

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin, the project coordinator, at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2021-04460AL-Street Widening. We are committed to working with developers to ensure that all construction and development activities are carried out safely and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

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