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Dear Mr. Contreras:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the River Street Marketplace Project in the City of San Juan Capistrano. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The project consists of the development of 64,900 sq. ft. of commercial and office space in five buildings designed with an "agrarian" themed architecture. The project is located at the southeastern corner of Paseo Adelanto and River Street, north of Del Obispo Street in proximity to Interstate 5 (I-5). Caltrans is a responsible/commenting agency on this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

Traffic Operations

While the existing traffic count data from November 2017 does not appear to have a significant impact, the department requests more recent traffic count data and queueing analysis at I-5 Southbound and Ortega ramps to reflect current traffic impacts.

Transportation Planning

Please ensure that appropriate measures are taken to protect the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians in the project area. These measures may include improved Complete Streets facilities and improved connections to these facilities.

- The DEIR notes that the "pedestrian-oriented site design is intentionally designed to accommodate pedestrians as the focal point, while accommodating access to the site via public transportation and bicycle." Providing appropriate safety measures will increase the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists and promote Complete Streets in the project area – the areas around Mission San Juan Capistrano and Camino Capistrano are heavily bicycle- and pedestrian-oriented. These safety measures will also encourage patrons to access the site via walking, bicycle, and/or transit.