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NOA DEIR – 2014 Clovis General Plan Circulation Update

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SENT VIA EMAIL

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City of Clovis
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Dear Mx. Merchen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 2014 Clovis General Plan Circulation Element Update (SCH# 2012061069). The City of Clovis is preparing a focused update to its existing General Plan to address Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) which concentrates on policy changes to the Circulation Element only and does not change any other Element within the General Plan. It includes the adoption of the Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines, which are supportive of the Circulation Element. This update does not affect land uses or development patterns and does not result in any physical development with the primary focus being on revisions to the goals and policies in the Circulation Element. The DEIR addresses environmental impacts associated with the proposed update.

The project's Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study was previously reviewed by our office with comments provided in the submittal of a letter dated May 4, 2022, which is included in the DEIR Appendix B.

Caltrans provides the following comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. Caltrans encourages local agencies in considering the creation of a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Impact Fee to help reduce impacts on the State Highway System (SHS).

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2. Caltrans encourages local agencies to consider implementing policies that support multimodal transportation systems (such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities and public transportation services) to provide connectivity of modes within communities which also help reduce VMT.
3. As mentioned in the City's *Interim Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines* Section 3.2.1., Caltrans encourages the City and project proponents to coordinate with Caltrans in regard to projects that have potential to impact the SHS.
4. Active Transportation Plans and Smart Growth efforts support the state's 2050 Climate goals. Caltrans supports reducing VMT and GHG emissions in ways that increase the likelihood people will use and benefit from a multimodal transportation network.

If you have any other questions, please call or email Christopher Xiong at (559) 908-7064 or Christopher.Xiong@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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