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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE



DATE: July 7, 2021

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: RUDY ZELEDON, PLANNING DIRECTOR, CITY OF ONTARIO

SUBJECT: RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE GROVE AVENUE CORRIDOR PROJECT (SCH 2014101071)

The City of Ontario (City) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) propose to widen Grove Avenue from a four-lane roadway to a six-lane roadway from Interstate 10 (I-10) to State Street/Airport Drive in the City of Ontario. The project would alleviate existing and anticipated future congestion, improve traffic operations and mobility, and provide continuity along Grove Avenue in conformance with the City of Ontario's General Plan Circulation Element.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City and Caltrans prepared and circulated the Draft EIR/EA for the project from August 19 and October 2, 2019. During this public review period, a total of 12 written comments from various agencies and interested parties were received by the City and Caltrans. Pursuant to Section 15088 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City has prepared individual responses to all of these comments. The response to your comment letter is attached.

The Final EIR incorporates the changes that have been made to the Draft EIR/EA based on the comments and the responses to comments. The Final EIR is available and can be downloaded from the City's website: <https://www.ontarioca.gov/Planning/Reports/EnvironmentalImpact>. The full Responses to Comments document is provided as Appendix J of the Final EIR.

The City and Caltrans have identified the Build Alternative as the preferred alternative. Caltrans is planning to issue the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) after the Final EIR is certified.

The City Council has scheduled a meeting to certify the Final EIR on **July 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in-person, in the City Council Chambers, Ontario City Hall, 303 East B Street, Ontario, California 91764. Please note that in-person City Council meetings have limited seat in order to practice social distancing. Community Rooms 1 and 2, located next to the City Hall lobby, will be available for overflow seating. Face coverings and social distancing are required in order to attend in-person.

The City Council's meeting agenda and agenda report will be posted online at <https://www.ontarioca.gov/Agendas/CityCouncil>, a minimum of 72-hours prior to the City Council meeting. Comments may be made in-person during the City Council hearing or in writing to the contact person. If you have any questions or comments, contact Charles Mercier, Principal Planner by telephone at (909) 395-2425, or by email at CMercier@ontarioca.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this important project.

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Kate Gordon
Director

October 1, 2019

Richard Ayala
Ontario, City of
303 East B Street
Ontario, CA 91764

Subject: Grove Avenue Corridor Widening Project
SCH#: 2014101071

Dear Richard Ayala

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named EIR to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on 9/30/2019, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2014101071/2>

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Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

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Response L-1: The comment regarding project compliance with State Clearinghouse review requirements under CEQA is noted. No response is required.