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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: McKinley Avenue Elementary School  
Comprehensive Modernization Plan –  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH# 2019039073  
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02370  
Vic. LA-110/PM: 16.529

Dear Ms. Christine Lan:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's MND. The proposed Project is an educational facility that would substantially modernize most of the 4.2 acre Campus to facilitate a safe and secure campus that better aligns with the current instructional program and meets current DSA educational specifications, without increasing enrollment capacity. When completed the proposed Project will provide the capacity for 800 students in 41 classrooms, which is a reduction of one classroom from the current count. The proposed Project consists of the demolition and removal of existing permanent and relocatable buildings, construction of new buildings, and landscape and hardscape improvements throughout the campus.

After reviewing this project's MND Caltrans has the following comments:

- 1) According to the Initial Study document, "Parking lot to match or exceed the existing 57 parking stalls." (pg. 23, Initial Study). Will there be additional parking stalls installed? This installation could potentially impact the number of vehicle trips associated with the project.
- 2) According to the Initial Study document, "The Campus is comprised of 22 buildings: 11 permanent buildings and structures and 11 relocatable buildings" (pg. 12, Initial Study). However, Table 1: "Summary of Existing Facilities" lists only 21 and appears to be missing building number 15, 16 and 22. These three buildings are also missing from Figure 2: "Existing Project Site" (pg. 19, Initial Study).
- 3) There is a discrepancy in the square footage of the Cafeteria Building. Table 2: "Proposed Project" (pg. 24-25, Initial Study) states that the demolition will be 21,277 sf. However, Table 1: "Summary of Existing Facilities" states that it is only 2,552 sf (pg. 13, Initial Study).
- 4) There is a discrepancy in the square footage of demolition in Table 2: "Proposed Project" (pg. 24-25, Initial Study). Campus total for demolition is stated to be 56,000 sf. However, the combined areas for the demolition of each building exceed 56,000 sf.
- 5) The project description states that new construction will total 72,500 sf. However, demolition will only

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be 56,000 sf. Will the additional square footage of construction impact traffic capacity. Will this increase capacity at the campus? (pg. 58, Initial Study).

Further information included for your consideration:

Caltrans seeks to promote safe, accessible multimodal transportation. Methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles improve safety by lessening the time that the user is in the likely path of a motor vehicle. These methods include the construction of physically separated facilities such as sidewalks, raised medians, refuge islands, and off-road paths and trails, or a reduction in crossing distances through roadway narrowing.

Caltrans recommends the project to consider the use of methods such as, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage and striping, be used to indicate to motorists that they should expect to see and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists. Visual indication from signage can be reinforced by road design features such as lane widths, landscaping, street furniture, and other design elements.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State Highway facilities without a storm water management plan.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Reece Allen, at [reece.allen@dot.ca.gov](mailto:reece.allen@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02370.

Sincerely,



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