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RE: Southwest Valley Community Plans
     Update
     SCH# 2019039154
     GTS# 07-LA-2019-02398

Dear Ms. Lam:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed project is an update of the Southwest Valley Community Plans, and also includes the proposed zoning, plan text, and other ordinances to implement those updates. The Proposed Plans direct future growth to already urbanized and transit-oriented areas of each Plan Area. The Proposed changes largely follow the current pattern of land use development reflecting City policies to direct growth where it can be supported by existing transportation infrastructure. The Proposed Plans promote a balance of housing units and jobs near transit where different types of land uses can be provided to reduce the length and number of vehicle trips.

At the moment this is a Notice of Preparation (NOP). In order to further assess future impacts, Caltrans looks forward to reviewing the proceeding CEQA documents related to this proposed project.

Also, storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. The projects need to be designed to discharge clean run-off water. The completed project could incorporate green design elements that can capture storm water. Incorporating measures such as permeable pavement, landscaping, and trees to reduce urban water run-off should be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Mr. Carlo Ramirez, at carlo.ramirez@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02398.

Sincerely,

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