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TUO-120-PM 31.00
Addendum
SCH 2019059053

Mr. Kampa,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Addendum on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Downtown Groveland and Big Oak Flat Sewer Collection System Improvements State Clearinghouse (SCH) 2019059053. The Project involves sewer system improvements in Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and Pine Mountain Lake. System improvements are as follows: 1) Big Oak Flat: Replace approximately 455 linear feet of 6-inch sewer pipe using open trench excavation methods; Rehabilitate approximately 792 linear feet of 6-inch sewer pipe using trenchless cured in-place methods; Perform spot repairs to resolve pipe anomalies at two locations; Construct new manholes; Bring existing manhole lids up to grade; Install sealed or locking manhole lids. 2) Groveland: Replace approximately 408 linear feet of 8-inch sewer pipe and 258 linear feet of 6-inch sewer pipe with open trench excavation methods; Rehabilitate approximately 1,413 linear feet using trenchless cured-in-place methods; Rehabilitate and install sealed or locking manhole lid. 3) Pine Mountain Lake: Replace approximately 2,715 linear feet of 6-inch sewer pipe using open trench excavation methods; Perform spot repairs in sections where pipe abnormalities were detected. Several of the project locations are adjacent or crossover State Route (SR) 120 in Big Oak Flat.

Caltrans has the following comments:

- A Caltrans Encroachment Permit will need to be submitted for every location this project intends to work along SR 120.
- Project description states there are several locations where new sewer replacement or upgrades will occur along SR 120.
- Work that is being conducted within Caltrans Right of Way (ROW) will require a Traffic Management Plan to be submitted to Caltrans for review.

Project locations identified in Plan Sheet 9, 12, and 14 include work that is being conducted along Caltrans SR 120 ROW are as follows:

- I. Big Oak Flat MH-2 to MH-3 has work being conducted in Caltrans ROW at Post Mile (TUE-120-PM 30.153) and requires a Traffic Management Plan for work along SR 120 ROW.
 - II. Big Oak Flat MH-17 to FB-105 has work being conducted adjacent to SR 120 ROW at Post Mile (TUE-120-PM 30.814) and requires a Traffic Management Plan for work along SR 120 ROW.
 - III. Big Oak Flat MH-48 to MH-47 has work being conducted adjacent to SR 120 ROW at Post Mile (TUE-120-PM 30.724) and requires a Traffic Management Plan for work along SR 120 ROW.
- For work within Caltrans ROW all work must ensure compliance with CEQA and other state environmental laws. Along with a digital copy of the Final the CEQA Environmental Document, please include a short memo describing the detailed scope of work within Caltrans ROW and the applicable Mitigation Measures that will be adhered to.
 - For excavation activities within Caltrans ROW the application must also include a Lead Compliance Plan (LCP).
 - Since the proposed improvements to the existing sewer system will involve both trench and trenches excavation methods to repair, replace and rehabilitate the existing sewer pipes in addition to construct new manholes, as long as the improvement activities will introduce minimal impervious surfaces, perform within the Caltrans ROW, and will not alter the existing drainage patterns, no significant impacts review is required. However, if any work is done in Caltrans ROW and will change the current drainage flow patterns, Caltrans will need to review the proposed improvement detail drainage plans and drainage calculations.

As stated above, an Encroachment Permit will be required for work done within Caltrans' ROW. This work is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act. A qualified professional must conduct any such studies undertaken to satisfy Caltrans' environmental review responsibilities. Ground disturbing activities to the site prior to completion and/or approval of required environmental documents may affect Caltrans' ability to issue a permit for the project. Furthermore, if engineering plans or drawings will be part of the permit application, they should be prepared in standard units. The project proponent shall submit an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with the application. For more information please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Michael Casas at (209) 986-9830 (email: Michael.Casas@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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