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RE: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE SCH# 2019090216

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Fresno Area was requested to review and assess the El Dorado to Clinton Rehabilitation Project (06-0W800) for any potential impact to local Area operations and public safety. After review, there are concerns with the potential impact this project may have on traffic congestion, response times for calls for service, and the safe and legal operation of commercial trucks in the area from McKinley Avenue to El Dorado Street.

After contacting Caltrans District 6 Project Manager Scott Friesen, the concerns relate to the proposed reconfiguration of the Olive Avenue interchange and the removal of the Belmont Avenue and McKinley Avenue off-ramps and on-ramps. Specifically, due to the construction project, it is expected commercial truck traffic on local roadways and on State Route (SR) 99 will increase as materials and products are transported to and from the area.

Furthermore, response times for calls for service may increase due to the Olive Avenue off-ramps and on-ramps being closed. CHP and other emergency personnel would be required to utilize Belmont Avenue to respond to calls for service, which could extend response times for CHP personnel. According to Project Manager Scott Friesen, Belmont Avenue and McKinley Avenue will remain open and operational until the Olive Avenue interchange is completed. Also, there would be a need to temporarily shut down SR 99 in both northbound and southbound directions to safely replace the Olive Avenue interchange and remove the Tielman Avenue / Pacific Avenue bridge.



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Based on the aforementioned, this project may necessitate the need for additional traffic control measures to mitigate any potential issues from occurring.

If you have any questions, or if you need additional information, please contact California Highway Patrol, Sergeant Miguel Andrade, ID 19145, at (559) 705-2200.

Sincerely,



K. CLAYS, Captain
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Enclosure

cc: Central Division