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Garden Grove, CA 92840

File: IGR/CEQA
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IGR Log: 2019-01238
SR-22, PM: 8.613

Dear Mr. Guerrero:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Outfront Media Garden Grove Digital Billboard Project. The City of Garden Grove has received an application for approval of a site plan, and related relocation agreement for the construction and operation of a new digital LED billboard pole sign adjacent to and abutting State Route 22 (SR-22) Freeway. The project applicant proposes to remove a total four (4) existing static billboard faces and two (2) sign poles located at Chapman Avenue west of Santa Rosalia Street and at Garden Grove Boulevard west of Beach Boulevard. The proposed new LED digital billboard will include a two-sided digital display and be 50 feet tall, with a digital display area of approximately 48 feet wide by 14 feet tall. The proposed LED digital billboard would be located within a parking lot adjacent to (SR) 22.

Caltrans is a responsible and commenting agency on this project and has the following comments:

Traffic Operations

1. The proposed new LED digital billboard location is nearby the intersection of Westbound SR-22 on-ramp and Garden Grove Boulevard/Haster Street. The digital billboard has the potential to create distraction for motorists who are not paying attention to the signals or the vehicles in queues as they approach the intersection.

2. The proposed LED digital billboard location is adjacent to the metered Westbound SR-22 on-ramp, where the ramp is a vertical and horizontal curve alignment. Before stopping at the ramp metering signal or entering the freeway, motorists must ascend the on-ramp to reach the ramp plateau. The proposed digital billboard location has the potential to create distraction to the motorists as they travel along the vertical and horizontal on-ramp alignment and as a result will not pay attention to the vehicles in queue.
3. Caltrans wishes to caution that the Westbound SR-22 on-ramp to Westbound SR-22 freeway junction creates a turbulent traffic stream due to merging traffic. The proposed billboard location has the potential to create distraction to the traveling motorists near the turbulence area of the on-ramp.
4. The Eastbound SR-22 segment just upstream of the proposed billboard location is identified as a segment of high collision concentration. The proposed billboard location has the potential to create distraction to the traveling motorists as they approach the billboard.

Traffic Operations- Outdoor Advertising

5. Any display visible from the National Highway System advertising off-premise commercial must obtain a permit from the Office of Outdoor Advertising (ODA) prior to placement. For any questions, please feel free to contact ODA Southern Area Manager George Anzo at (213) 897-4208 or george.anzo@dot.ca.gov.

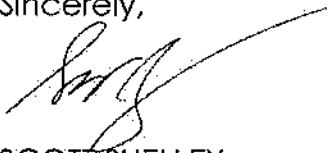
Encroachment Permit

6. In the event of any activity in Caltrans right of way an Encroachment Permit will be required. For specific details on Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to Encroachment Permits Manual at:
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>

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Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions or would like to meet with us regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to call Maryam Molavi at (657) 328-6280.

Sincerely,



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