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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Mr. John Di Mario
City of La Puente
15900 East Main Street
La Puente, CA 91744

RE: La Puente Park Master Plan – Mitigated
Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2019109092
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02905
Vic. LA-60/PM: 16.205

Dear Mr. John Di Mario:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed project is to implement the City's Park Master Plan by completing improvements to the 27-acre La Puente City Park. Enhancements to the park include creating a splash area, themed playground, skate park, basketball courts, fitness pathway, fitness area amphitheater, fitness building, restroom enhancements, sewer improvements, football, softball, and soccer fields, and event pavilions. The City of La Puente is considered the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The proposed project is located approximately 1.5 miles away from the State Route 60 (SR-60) & South Hacienda Boulevard interchange. After reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to integrate transportation and land use in a way that reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, as well as facilitates a high level of non-motorized travel and transit use. Specific Travel Demand Management (TDM) measures that the City might want to consider integrating into this project include:

- Install secure bicycle parking within the park.
- Create mid-block continental crosswalks along S. Nelson Avenue, as well as the intersection of Gaylawn Court & E. Temple Avenue and the intersection of Santa Oro Avenue & E. Temple Avenue
- Update all sidewalks and curbs within park to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
- Improve bicycle network on streets surrounding the park

Please make every attempt to reduce VMT. For additional TDM options that can reduce VMT, please

refer to:

- The 2010 *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>, or
- *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm>

As the City of La Puente is aware, Senate Bill 743 (2013) mandates that VMT be used as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts of all future development projects under CEQA, starting July 1, 2020. For information on determining transportation impacts in terms of VMT on the State Highway System, see the Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, dated December 2018: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20190122-743_Technical_Advisory.pdf.

If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on state facilities, please submit a traffic management plan detailing the number of construction trips and potential mitigation measures for Caltrans' review. Truck traffic should be addressed in this plan. Specifically, since Hacienda Boulevard is located approximately 1.5 miles away from the project and is a designated truck route in the City of La Puente per the City's General Plan, if construction will involve temporary impacts to this road, measures to minimize the impact of truck traffic on this road should be implemented. Such measures could include providing advance signage and notice to other travelers.

In addition, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

Finally, storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles county. Please be mindful that the project needs to be designed to discharge clean run-off water.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02905.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse