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Dear Ms. Lauffer,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Notice of Preparation for the Saddleback Community Church Expansion Project in the City of Lake Forest. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The proposed project proposes the expansion of Saddleback Community Church which includes several changes to the Saddleback Community Church Campus in the City of Lake Forest. Regional access to the plan area is provided by State Route 241 (SR 241) and Interstate 5 (I-5). Caltrans is a commenting agency for this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

Active Transportation:

1. As part of state goals to increase active transportation and reduce VMT, given the project site's proximity to a Class I bike trail along Aliso Creek Bikeway and Class II bike lanes on Portola Parkway, Caltrans recommends the inclusion of bike parking.

Bike parking should be placed in visible locations that are close to main entrances and should be designed to accommodate different types of bikes (e.g. cargo bike, bike with trailer). For people to easily utilize bike racks, they should be installed at least 24" away from walls and other objects (e.g. trash cans, plants, etc.).

For additional guidance on providing functional bike parking, see the attached "Essentials of Bike Parking" guidance created by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals at:

<https://www.apbp.org/Publications>

Encroachment Permits:

2. Any project work proposed in the vicinity of the State Right-of-Way (ROW) would require an encroachment permit and all environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. If the environmental documentation for the project does not meet Caltrans's requirements for work done within State ROW, additional documentation would be required before approval of the encroachment permit. Please coordinate with Caltrans to meet requirements for any work within or near State ROW. For specific details for Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to the Caltrans's Encroachment Permits Manual at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>

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 need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Jamoralin at (657) 328-6276 or Joseph.Jamoralin@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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