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Albert Anidi
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 S. Fremont Avenue
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RE: Harrison Elementary School Soundwall –
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2020039001
GTS # 07-LA-2020-03200
Vic. LA-10/PM: 19.901

Dear Albert Anidi:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The project is the construction of a masonry block soundwall to reduce traffic noise exposure at Harrison Elementary School. The soundwall is proposed in front of the existing chain-link fence along the School's north property line, approximately 100 feet south of the Interstate 10 (I-10) freeway. It will begin at the School's west property line and end at the School's east property line. The soundwall will be built along the north edge of abutment 1 of the existing pedestrian bridge that crosses I-10. The soundwall will also be built underneath the pedestrian bridge soffit between the east edge of abutment 1 and the School's east property line. The wall is approximately 550 feet in length and 16 feet in height, and will have four gaps to accommodate the two existing vehicle gates and two pedestrian access gates. Access to the pedestrian bridge will be maintained throughout the duration of construction and remain unchanged following completion of the soundwall. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

From 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.

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. Caltrans recommends that the project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on any State facilities, please submit the construction traffic control plan detailing these delays for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2020-03200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miya Edmonson".

MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief
cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse