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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

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Dear Ms. Deines,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Doheny Village Zoning District Update Project and its Draft Environmental Impact Report document for the City of Dana Point. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment.

The project proposes the preservation and enhancement which includes three new zoning districts specific to the project area, Doheny Village. Regional access to the project area is provided by Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 1 (SR 1). Caltrans is a responsible agency for this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

**Transportation Planning**

1. The project is to increase housing and infill development, which may increase traffic congestion and number of Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) trips. As Caltrans seeks to promote safe, accessible multimodal transportation, consider including a discussion on potentially improving multimodal transportation (i.e., walking, biking, and transit) options as part of the Housing Element update.

Providing improved multimodal connections to housing can encourage residents to utilize alternative transportation options, thus reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, congestion, and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). This also improves public health.

2. There are several OCTA transit routes serviced in the study area. Consider discussing opportunities to connect the new zones to transit and to maximize the safety of railroad crossings for bicycles and pedestrians to accommodate access to the transit stations as part of Safety Element update.
3. Please continue coordination with Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for opportunities to enhance multimodal transit strategies.

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4. Consider including a discussion on general transportation safety improvements, especially for vulnerable road users such as bicyclists and pedestrians.
5. Caltrans supports the development of Complete Streets that include high-quality pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities that are safe and comfortable for all ages and abilities.

Complete Streets promote regional connectivity, improve air quality and public health, reduce congestion, promote improved first-/last-mile connections, and increase safety for all modes of transportation. Continue to coordinate with Caltrans on future projects.

### **Traffic Operations**

6. Traffic Operations Southwest concurs with the applicant that based on the VMT metric methodology, the proposed project generates less than significant traffic impact on the State Highway System.

### **Encroachment Permit**

7. 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](mailto:Joseph.Jamoralin@dot.ca.gov)

Sincerely,



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