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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

May 25, 2020

Charlie Yen, Director of Facilities Management  
Santa Monica Community College District  
1900 Pico Boulevard  
Santa Monica, CA 90405

RE: SMC Art Complex Replacement Project –  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH# 2020040434  
GTS# 07-LA-2020-03248  
Vic. LA-10 PM 2.709

Dear Charlie Yen,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Proposed Project would replace the on-campus Art Complex and satellite Ceramics Building with a new building located on the southeast corner of Pico Boulevard and 14th Street. The Proposed Project would provide updated classrooms and laboratory spaces, as well as consolidated office spaces for faculty and staff, and it would improve accessibility, ensure compliance with ADA and building codes, and update infrastructure to support modern technology and equipment. The Proposed Project is approximately the same size in total assignable square feet as the existing on- and off-site facilities that support the current Art Program. As such, no increase in student enrollment is anticipated.

The nearest State facility to the proposed project site is I-10. After reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not anticipate any significant adverse impacts to the State Highway System.

Please note that the 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.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at [anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov](mailto:anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2020-03248.

Sincerely,

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