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Dear Mr. Longenecker,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Trumark Residential Project in the City of Mission Viejo. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The project proposes the construction and operation of a 91-unit multiple-family dwelling residential development project. Regional access to the plan area is provided by State Route 241 (SR 241) and Interstate 5 (I-5). Caltrans is a responsible agency for this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

Transportation Planning

1. Caltrans encourages the City of Mission Viejo to continue coordination with Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for opportunities to enhance their multimodal strategies for alternative access to regional and interregional transit connections especially in rail services. This area/corridor may have potential for micro-transit services to the nearest train station, Irvine Station, where Metrolink operates the commuter rail services and Amtrak Pacific Surfliner operates the intercity/interregional rail services.
2. The nearest transit stops to the development are OCTA Bus Routes 82 and 89. These transit routes provide users regional access and would help reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in compliance with SB 743. Currently, the best connections to these routes are El Toro Road and Aliso Creek bike path. Please consider providing/implementing multimodal connectivity from the development to these routes by providing safe bike and

pedestrian routes from the development. Please coordinate with OCTA regarding transit improvements closer to the Trumark development site.

3. Caltrans encourages the design of Complete Streets that include high-quality pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities that are safe and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities. Improvements may include providing secure bicycle parking, pedestrian-oriented LED lighting, and continental crosswalk striping.

Complete Streets improvements also promote regional connectivity, improve air quality, reduce congestion, promote improved first-/last-mile connections, and increase safety for all modes of transportation.

4. According to the City of Mission Viejo's Comprehensive Bikeway Master Plan (2019), existing bicycle facilities include the Class II facility on Marguerite Parkway and the Class I Aliso Creek Trail, and an existing trailhead is located near the intersection of Marguerite Parkway and El Toro Road. There is also a proposed Class I facility that parallels Marguerite Parkway. These existing and proposed bicycle facilities should be considered during project development.
5. Please consider providing/implementing multimodal connectivity to Fidel Trail and Pinecrest Park from the development.

Encroachment Permit

6. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Shelley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" being more prominent than the last name "Shelley".

SCOTT SHELLEY
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