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La Cañada Unified School District

Attn: Mark Evans

Associate Superintendent, Business and Administrative Services

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Palm Crest Elementary School
Modernization Project – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH# 2020070049
GTS# 07-LA-2020-03306
Vic. LA-2 PM R23.438
Vic. LA-210 PM R18.663

Dear Mark Evans,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Project proposes to construct one new two-story, classroom building (comprised of two wings); renovate 18 existing classrooms; convert one classroom building to four specialty classrooms; demolish the old District Office and garage; remove trees for construction of a new upper parking lot; alter the existing drop-off area; alter the existing west parking lot; install temporary portable classrooms for use during project construction; extend site utilities to new classroom buildings, improve landscaping and pedestrian walkways. The La Cañada Unified School District does not anticipate additional staff, students, or transfer students to be generated as a result of the proposed project. Outside of the normal increases and decreases due to normal grade fluctuations, the project is not intended to increase student enrollment. Therefore, operation of the proposed project would not result in an increase in vehicle trips compared to existing conditions.

The nearest State facilities to the proposed project are State Route 2 and Interstate 210. After reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

Additionally, 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2020-03306.

Sincerely,



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IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse