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RE: 2019 Facilities Master Plan Update to the
2015 Master Plan – Draft Environmental
Impact Report (DEIR)
SCH # 2020070231
GTS # 07-LA-2020-03474
Vic. LA-2/R17.977/R20.2
Vic. LA-134/8.189
Vic. LA-210/18.3

Dear Susan Courtney:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced DEIR. The 2019 Facilities Master Plan Update to the 2015 Master Plan is a long-range plan for the development of facilities to support the vision, mission, and goals of the Glendale Community College District (GCCD). In 2015, the District prepared the GCCD 2015 Facilities Master Plan to reflect GCCD's projected instructional and programmatic needs. The 2015 GCCD Master Plan outlines capital improvements through 2025, and proposes construction of new buildings, renovation, modernization and additions to existing facilities, demolition of existing buildings, and landscaping enhancements. Improvements are intended to update existing technological and program services to meet the increasing needs of students and faculty. The 2019 Facilities Master Plan Update plans for expansion of instructional space, acquiring land to expand the Garfield Campus, expansion of the Montrose Campus, and various other campus upgrades in addition to what was included in the 2015 GCCD Master Plan. It recommends site and facilities improvements for three GCCD sites: the Verdugo Campus, the Garfield Campus, and the Professional Development Center. It addresses the growth in enrollment anticipated over the next decade. The Proposed Project includes elements listed in both the 2015 GCCD Master Plan and the 2019 Facilities Master Plan Update that are not currently underway or have not already been completed. The GCCD is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State facilities to the proposed projects are State Route 2 (SR-2), State Route 134 (SR-134), and Interstate 210 (I-210). SR-2 is adjacent to the Verdugo Campus, the I-210 is located within a half mile of the Montrose Campus, and SR-134 is located approximately 1 mile away from the Garfield Campus.

From reviewing the DEIR, we concur that after the implementation of Mitigation Measure TRA-1, which is a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan, the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) impact of this project will be less than significant. Also, we appreciate that reducing parking supply is a strategy included in this plan, since we suggested this in our response to the Notice of Preparation for this project. Therefore, the following information is included for your consideration.

As mentioned in our previous letter, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials

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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 a construction traffic control plan detailing these delays for Caltrans' review.

Finally, any work performed on or near Caltrans right of way requires an encroachment permit. The construction for the storage facility on the Verdugo Campus may require such a permit, however, the final decision on this will be made by Caltrans' Office of Permits. For more information on encroachment permits, see: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.

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-2020-03474.

Sincerely,



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