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PM VARSan Marcos Climate Action Plan Update
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Dear Ms. Qureshy:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Negative Declaration (ND) for the City of San Marcos Climate Action Plan Update located near State Route 78 (SR-78). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Overall, the CAP appears to be consistent with Caltrans Sustainability initiatives and policies. The CAP reflects consistent Climate Change analysis and mitigation measures.

Caltrans recommends collaboration between our agency and the City of San Marcos on the proposed transportation related strategies, measures, and actions outlined in the CAP Update and associated IS/ND. Caltrans routes (interstate and highway) fall within the City of San Marcos and Caltrans Local Assistance regularly aids City projects with securing federal funding. Transportation projects within the City pose excellent opportunities to employ strategies, measures, and actions outlined in the CAP that are also consistent with Caltrans Sustainability initiatives. Additionally, Caltrans and the City of San Marcos may be able to collaborate on a local and regional level regarding

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emergency preparedness and evacuation routes (such as extreme weather and wildfires).

Caltrans D11 Vulnerability Assessment Summary and Technical Report (<https://transplanning.onramp.dot.ca.gov/climate-change-vulnerability-assessments-0>) are available for the City to utilize in their CAP implementation.

Caltrans recommends considering the addition of teleworking discussions with regard to VMT.

Are the dates proposed in the measures still attainable considering the effects of COVID-19?

Since some of the proposed strategies in the CAP place additional requirements and costs on development (e.g. Measures T-2.1, T-9.2, T-9.3), including residential development, consider addressing the impacts on housing affordability.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Dodson, of the Caltrans Development Review Branch, at (619) 688-2510 or by e-mail sent to Kimberly.Dodson@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

electronically signed by

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