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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Taft Charter High School Comprehensive
Modernization Project – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH# 2020080265
GTS# 07-LA-2020-03340
Vic. LA-101 PM 23.29

Dear Eimon Smith,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Project is designed to address the most critical physical concerns of the buildings and grounds at the campus through building replacement, renovation, and modernization to provide facilities that are safe, secure, and better aligned with the current instructional program. The proposed Project includes demolishing eight permanent buildings, removing existing portable buildings, constructing new permanent buildings that provide adequate learning spaces and support areas, upgrading and replacing aging utilities and infrastructure, improving existing athletic facilities, and providing new landscaping and hardscaping. The proposed Project also includes limited modernization of existing structures including accessible facilities consistent with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, seismic retrofit pursuant to California Assembly Bill 300, and low voltage upgrades to support current technology. The Project would not expand student enrollment capacity or change existing site access, circulation, roadways or sidewalks.

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is US 101. 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-2020-03340.

Sincerely,



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