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Rueben C. Smith, D.C.Sc.  
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RE: South Gate Education Center Facilities  
Master Plan Update – Notice of Preparation  
of an Environmental Impact Report (NOP)  
SCH # 2020099016  
GTS # 07-LA-2020-03368  
Vic. LA-105/PM: R10.714

Dear Rueben C. Smith:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced NOP. Consistent with the previously-approved Master Plan, the proposed update to the Master Plan consists of the construction and operation of a new Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) satellite campus to replace the existing South Gate Education Center (SGEC) and provide expanded and improved educational facilities. The only difference between the approved Master Plan and the proposed project is that the former administrative building at the corner of Firestone and Santa Fe, known as "Building 2," is proposed for demolition. This portion of the campus would be converted into landscaped open green space for use by the students. The Los Angeles Community College District is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 2.25 miles away from Interstate 105. From reviewing the NOP, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For examples of TDM strategies that could be integrated into this project in order to further reduce VMT, please refer to:

- The 2010 *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>, or
- *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm>.

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Also, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials 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.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at [Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov), and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2020-03368.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miya Edmonson".

MIYA EDMONSON  
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief  
cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse