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VALLEY HEALTH CENTERS
Conditional Use Permit 2016-01

SENT VIA EMAIL

Karl Schoettler, City Planning Consultant
City of Firebaugh
Collins & Schoettler
1002 W. Main Street
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Dear Mr. Schoettler:

Thank you for the opportunity to review Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2016-01, proposing to construct grading, drainage and utility improvements on developed land. The project is located at the north-east corner of State Route (SR) 33 and Zozaya Street in the Community of Firebaugh.

Based on the included encroachment permit application, the work done in State right-of-way is proposed to include demolition and construction of the curb and gutter, and new pedestrian access.

Caltrans provides the following *comments* consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. **Resolution PZ19-20 Page 1** – The applicant intends to purchase the existing residential parcel to the north to extend the project parking lot. The submitted site plan indicates an existing pedestrian curb ramp and sidewalk on the northeast corner of (SR) 33 and Zozaya Street, is this accurate? If so, was a permit application reviewed and approved by Caltrans?
2. The submitted plans indicates a new pedestrian access from sidewalk, the plans need to depict cross-sections with dimensions for all new pedestrian or reconstructed vehicle access. The plans should also indicate the applicable standard plan as appropriate.
3. Minimum width for clear pedestrian passage shall be 4'-2".
4. There are two existing driveways with access from SR-33, the driveway to the south is proposed to circulate ingress and egress traffic, the driveway to the north is proposed to be striped as and exit only. The new parking lot proposed arrow striping directs traffic to the exit driveway on (SR) 33, signage should be placed to warn drivers to exit only to avoid circulation conflict.

5. Caltrans in its effort to minimize traffic conflicts attempts to limit the number of access points to the main line. Therefore, no new driveways will be permitted to access the State right of way.
6. An encroachment permit must be obtained for all proposed activities for placement of encroachments within, under or over the State highway rights-of-way. Activity and work planned in the State right-of-way shall be performed to State standards and specifications, at no cost to the State. Engineering plans, calculations, specifications, and reports (documents) shall be stamped and signed by a licensed Engineer or Architect. Engineering documents for encroachment permit activity and work in the State right-of-way may be submitted using English Units. The Permit Department and the Environmental Planning Branch will review and approve the activity and work in the State right-of-way before an encroachment permit is issued. The Streets and Highways Code Section 670 provides Caltrans discretionary approval authority for projects that encroach on the State Highway System. Encroachment permits will be issued in accordance with Streets and Highway Codes, Section 671.5, "Time Limitations." Encroachment permits do not run with the land. A change of ownership requires a new permit application. Only the legal property owner or his/her authorized agent can pursue obtaining an encroachment permit. **Please call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office - District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, at (559) 488-4058. Please review the permit application checklist at: <https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmid=TR0402&distpath=MAOTO&brapath=PERM>**
7. Upon project approval by the local public agency and prior to an encroachment permit application submittal, the project proponent is required to schedule a "Pre-Submittal" meeting with District 6 Encroachment Permit Office. **Please contact District 6 Encroachment Permit Office at (559) 488-4058 to schedule this meeting.**
8. The Project might consider coordinating connections to local and regional bicycle pathways to encourage the use of bicycles for commuter and recreational purposes.
9. Caltrans recommends the Project implement "smart growth" development regarding parking to offer more alternative transportation choices to employees and future patients. Alternative transportation choices may include but not limited to parking for electric vehicles, carpools, vanpools, car-share, and/or other ride-share programs.
10. An assessment of multi-modal facilities should be conducted to develop an integrated multi-modal transportation system to serve and help alleviate traffic congestion caused by the project and related development in this area of the City. The assessment should include the following:
 - a. Pedestrian walkways should link this proposal to an internal project area walkway, transit facilities, as well as other walkways in the surrounding area.

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- b. If transit is not available within ¼-mile of the site, transit should be extended to provide services to what will be a high activity center.

11. Active Transportation Plans and Smart Growth efforts support the state's 2050 Climate goals. Caltrans supports reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and GHG emissions in ways that increase the likelihood people will use and benefit from a multimodal transportation network.

If you have any other questions, please call or email Edgar Hernandez at (559) 488-4168 or at Edgar.Hernandez@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Padilla', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Padilla, Branch Chief
Transportation Planning – North