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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

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Eimon Smith  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
Office of Environmental Health & Safety  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor  
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RE: Abraham Lincoln High School  
Comprehensive Modernization Project –  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH # 2020100225  
GTS # 07-LA-2020-03392  
Vic. LA-110/PM: 26.597

Dear Eimon Smith:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed project includes new buildings, such as a 2-story classroom building, performing arts building, Maintenance and Operations building, and field house restroom building, as well as facilities for the Pueblo de Los Angeles Continuation High School. The proposed project also includes modernization of existing structures and site improvements, including utility upgrades, access upgrades to meet programmatic requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and landscape improvements. Finally, the project includes demolition of the music building, storage building, shop building, Pueblo de Los Angeles Continuation High School, and 7 portable buildings. The project will not increase student capacity. The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located near the following state facilities:

- **Interstate 5 (I-5):** approximately 5,000 feet from the I-5 and N Broadway interchange.
- **Interstate 110 (I-110):** approximately 1.25 miles away from the I-5 and I-110 interchange.
- **Interstate 10 (I-10):** approximately 1.5 miles away from the I-10 and I-5 interchange.

From reviewing the MND, Caltrans concurs with the following: "As part of long-term Project operations, the proposed Project would not increase student capacity thereby it would not substantially increase VMT. Therefore, VMT with implementation of the proposed Project is anticipated to be similar to existing conditions. Project impacts would be less than significant and no further analysis is required."

Therefore, 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 VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. Thus, Caltrans supports the TDM strategies this project has incorporated, such as the

upgrades to the pedestrian bridge. Additional TDM strategies that LAUSD may want to consider integrating into this project in order to further reduce VMT include:

- Ensure that project driveway placements do not directly cause issues related to line of sight of pedestrians or bicyclists.
- Verify that no more parking than required by the local permitting agency is provided.
- Provide sufficient bicycle parking for students and employees.

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 supports the following measure: "LAUSD shall encourage its Construction Contractor to limit construction-related trucks to off-peak commute periods." If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on any State facilities, please submit the Construction Worksite 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-2020-03392.

Sincerely,



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