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County of San Diego Climate Action Plan Update
NOP/Supplemental EIR/SCH #2020120204

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Dear Ms. Bray:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the County of San Diego Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update Notice of Preparation/Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (NOP/Supplemental EIR) (SCH #2020120204) located throughout various routes in the County of San Diego. 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:

Caltrans recommends collaboration between our agency and the County of San Diego on the proposed transportation related strategies, measures, and actions outlined in the CAP Update, and SEIR.

Transportation projects within the County pose excellent opportunities to employ strategies, measures, and actions outlined in the CAP Update that are also consistent with Caltrans Sustainability initiatives. Additionally, Caltrans and the County of San Diego may be able to collaborate on a local and regional level regarding 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 County to utilize in their CAP Update implementation.

Consider addressing the impacts on housing affordability within the strategies in the CAP Update.

Traffic Engineering Analysis

- Caltrans agrees with the proposed Policy M-5.2 under Section 2.12.2 that the County coordinate with Caltrans to mitigate negative impacts.
- Caltrans agrees with the proposed CAP Update Mitigation Measure M-TRAF-1 under Section 7.1.12 Transportation and Traffic that mitigation measures for project-specific shall be incorporated during the environmental review process for future Major Use Permit.
- Caltrans recommends considering the addition of teleworking discussions with regard to VMT reduction.

Complete Streets and Mobility Network

Caltrans views all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in California and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system. Caltrans supports improved transit accommodation through the provision of Park and Ride facilities, improved bicycle and pedestrian access and safety improvements, signal prioritization for transit, bus on shoulders, ramp improvements, or other enhancements that promote a complete and integrated transportation system.

Early coordination with Caltrans, in locations that may affect both Caltrans and the County of San Diego is encouraged. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve California's Climate Change target, Caltrans is implementing Complete Streets and Climate Change policies into State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects to meet multi-modal mobility needs.

Caltrans looks forward to working with the County to implement Complete Streets concepts and evaluate potential Complete Streets projects.

Land Use and Smart Growth

Caltrans recognizes there is a strong link between transportation and land use. Development can have a significant impact on traffic and congestion on State transportation facilities. In particular, the pattern of land use can affect both local vehicle miles traveled and the number of trips. Caltrans supports collaboration with local agencies to work towards a safe, functional, interconnected, multi-modal transportation system integrated through applicable “smart growth” type land use planning and policies.

The County should continue to coordinate with Caltrans to implement necessary improvements at intersections and interchanges where the agencies have joint jurisdiction, as well as coordinate with Caltrans as development proceeds and funds become available to ensure that the capacity of on-/off-ramps is adequate.

Environmental

Caltrans appreciates the opportunity to comment on this Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan. The analysis presented may impact on Caltrans R/W in the future.

Should future projects based upon the changes enacted from the Program EIR have elements and/or mitigation measures change to effect Caltrans R/W, Caltrans would welcome the opportunity to be a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to the continued coordination of our efforts.

Right-of-Way

- Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.

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- Any work performed within Caltrans R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans R/W prior to construction.

Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158 or by visiting the website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/ep/index.html>. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Dodson, of the Caltrans Development Review Branch, at (619) 985-1587 or by e-mail sent to Kimberly.Dodson@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

electronically signed by

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