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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Various Park Improvements at Stephen
Sorensen Park Project – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2021010124
GTS # 07-LA-2021-03473
Vic. LA-138/PM: 63.814

Dear Jui Ing Chien:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed Project will address development of new park amenities and associated Americans with Disabilities Act improvements at Stephen Sorensen Park. The proposed Project will include construction of a new skate park which would increase total useable park space by approximately 0.57 acres. Additional improvements include a shade structure for the existing playground measuring 1,800 square feet and a concrete slab with a fitness zone and shade structure measuring 1,600 square feet. The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 6 miles from State Route 138 (SR-138) in Los Angeles County.

From reviewing the MND, Caltrans concurs with the following: "the Project is anticipated to generate approximately 24 new trips a day during the week and 16 new trips a day during the weekends. The Proposed Project would not require substantially more personnel to operate than the existing conditions, and no significant increase in peak day attendance is anticipated." Thus, we agree that the Vehicle Miles Traveled impact of this project will be less than significant.

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. Thus, Caltrans supports the TDM strategies this project has incorporated, such as creating additional walking paths in the park. For more TDM options to further reduce this project's VMT impact, 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>.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Mayra Jimon or Emily Gibson, the project coordinators, at Mayra.Jimon@dot.ca.gov or Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2021-03473.

Sincerely,

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