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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

California Department of Transportation District 9
500 S. Main Street
Bishop, CA 93514

Attention: Angela Calloway, Environmental Office Chief

RE: SCH# 2021020013

The Bridgeport Area of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) received the "Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal" for the proposed Sonora Junction Shoulders project for State Clearinghouse number 2021020013. After review, we have concerns with the potential impact this project will have on response times to emergency and services calls during the construction phase.

Our concern relates to emergency and service response times during the construction phase, as the project will likely require lane closures, flaggers, and one-way piloted traffic control for extended durations during portions of the construction. One-way piloted traffic control will increase our response times to emergency and service calls north of the project area, as there is no alternative route. With increased response times, our mission to serve the motoring public may be negatively impacted. We are hopeful the traffic control plan for this project will contain procedures to allow emergency vehicles through the construction zone with minimal delay to reduce any negative impact on service to the public.

The Bridgeport Area of the CHP recognizes that the completion of this project will enhance safety through roadway improvements. Additionally, this portion of the roadway experiences vehicle versus wildlife traffic collisions. The proposed option to install wildlife crossing structures and exclusionary fencing would increase safety for the motoring public.



If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact me at (760) 932-7995.

Sincerely,



C. D. MAIRS, Lieutenant
Commander

Attachments: Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

cc: State Clearing House
California Highway Patrol Special Projects Section