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March 15, 2021

Charmaine Yambao
City of Agoura Hills
30001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

RE: Palo Comado Creek Linear Park Project –
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2021020405
GTS # 07-LA-2021-03508
Vic. LA-101/PM: 34.657

Dear Charmaine Yambao:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed Project would construct a park over an existing channel, between commercial property and Agoura Road. The project includes features such as picnic benches, bicycle racks, play equipment, and a butterfly garden. The park will also incorporate decomposed granite equestrian and pedestrian trails for enhanced connectivity. The City of Agoura Hill is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located 600 feet from United States Route 101 (US-101) in Los Angeles County.

From reviewing the MND, Caltrans concurs with the following: "A CEQA Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis is not required and the presumption of less than-significant transportation impact can be applied. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant." Please be informed that projects within one-half mile of either an existing *major* transit stop, or *high-quality* transit corridor can be presumed to have a less than significant transportation impact, according to the December 2018 *Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA* by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For more TDM options, 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>.

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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 recommends that the project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these delays for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Mayra Jimon, the project coordinator, at Mayra.Jimon@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2021-03508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miya Edmonson".

MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief
cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse