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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Woodrow Wilson High School Aquatic
Center Project – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2021030365
GTS # 07-LA-2021-03529
Vic. LA-1/PM: 2.914

Dear Ferdows Fazeli:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The Project proposes to develop an aquatic center to replace the existing indoor pool at Woodrow Wilson High School and provide a regulation size pool. Construction of the proposed Project's main facilities will include an outdoor swimming pool, bleachers, locker rooms/offices, restrooms, showers, stadium lights, LED scoreboard, parking stalls, wall enclosures, surveillance cameras, and an equipment storage enclosure/room. The proposed Project will be in use routinely with exception of a few days in the year, as well as accommodating outside group activities that do not conflict with the needs of the school's water polo and swim teams. The Long Beach Unified School District is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 3,000 feet from State Route 1 (SR-1), 1 mile from State Route 19 (SR-19), and 2 miles from Interstate 405 (I-405) in Los Angeles County.

From reviewing the MND, Caltrans concurs with the following: "The proposed Project would provide a competition size pool at the existing school, which would lower the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for student athletes practicing and competing in home swim meets. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant."

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

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- *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, the project coordinator, at Mayra.Jimon@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2021-03529.

Sincerely,

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