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RE: SCH#2021040620

The California Highway Patrol - Dublin Area (CHP Dublin Area) was recently requested to review the "Notice of Completion" environmental impact document related to the project to restore function of an existing storm drain system and preserve the structural integrity of the surrounding embankment on I-580 eastbound, between North Flynn Road and West Grant Line Road. After reviewing the "Environmental Impact Report Evaluation/Response Checklist For Area", CHP Dublin Area has the following concerns:

- The proposed project might impact local operations and/or public safety.
- A review of environmental impact documents has revealed potential issues and concerns with a possible impact to departmental operations (i.e., increased response times, enforcement, emergency services, service calls, public safety).

Specifically, California Highway Patrol - Dublin Area has the following concerns:

- According to the 4-20-21 OP120 IS-MND FINAL-ADACompliant PDF document, the proposed construction staging locations for Caltrans equipment on the I-580 eastbound shoulder in two different locations could potentially effect traffic safety, congestion, response times, and emergency services.
- While "All Project work would occur from the outside shoulder down towards the embankment and would not involve changes to the existing geometric design of the roadway..." (4-20-21 OP120 IS-MND FINAL-ADACompliant), the impact of the construction staging area will have an impact on traffic.
- Per the 4-20-21 OP120 IS-MND FINAL-ADACompliant PDF document, "Less Than Significant Impact – Staging Area 2 currently operates as a runaway truck ramp and may be utilized to store construction vehicles and equipment for the Project, as discussed in Chapter 1 – Project Description. Staging in this area would be established along the outer edge of the paved area, allowing for runaway trucks to utilize this area during emergencies. Furthermore, staging access would be temporary and last only during the construction of the Project. Caltrans Design would re-evaluate the feasibility of using this area for staging during the design phase to ensure adverse effects to emergency access are avoided and minimized. Caltrans would coordinate with the Contractor in



selecting a suitable staging area for the Project. A temporary lane closure may be required if Caltrans District 4's Office of Traffic Safety determines there is a need to do so. However, this won't be determined until the Project's design phase. A TMP would be implemented during construction to ensure that any potential road closures do not impede emergency access along the highway and that priority is given to emergency vehicles. The impact would be less than significant." CHP Dublin Area is concerned with the potential for a temporary lane closure, which would directly impact response times, enforcement, emergency services, service calls, and public safety.

If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact me at (925) 828-0466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. J. Sherry', written in a cursive style.

C. J. SHERRY, Captain
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