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City of Morgan Hill
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Reference: Environmental Document Review and Response
SCH# 2021060587

I was recently requested to review the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Morgan Hill Devco Residential Project, located on the northeast corner of Barret Avenue and Hill Road in Morgan Hill. The California Highway Patrol's (CHP) interest in commenting surrounds our concerns for the unsafe entering/exiting of commercial vehicles from the Morgan Hill Devco Residential Project onto the surrounding roadways, along with an increase in heavy commercial vehicle traffic along any proposed routes. The CHP has an additional interest with increased response times, enforcement, and service calls resulting from the increase in heavy truck traffic and the subsequent impact to vehicular traffic.

Due to the slow moving loaded commercial vehicles entering/exiting the construction site onto Barret Avenue and/or Hill Road, there is potential for a significant increase in crashes and calls for service. Any private access roads which are to be utilized will need all necessary roadway improvements to safely accommodate loaded commercial vehicles.

Based upon the previously mentioned concerns, it is the CHP Hollister-Gilroy Area's opinion, Barret Avenue, Hill Road and all other roads to be used as a direct route of travel to and from US-101 would require additional improvement to the roadway to sustain an increase in commercial vehicle travel, such as widening of roadways, additional traffic lanes, signal controlled dedicated turn lanes, etc.

A predesigned route of travel is recommended as it will help identify the necessary roadway improvements required for the Morgan Hill Devco Residential Project by the additional loaded commercial vehicles. The documentation also needs to address any material spillage from loaded commercial vehicles, its impact on the safety of the roadways, and how it will be mitigated. Facility operators need to ensure they establish, monitor, and enforce facility rules related to commercial vehicle safety as CHP personnel work to ensure compliance with California Vehicle Code provisions.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. ELIAS". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "L".

E. ELIAS, Lieutenant
Acting Commander