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### STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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Tecolote Trunk Sewer SDP  
MND/SCH#2021070135

Ms. Courtney Holowach  
City of San Diego  
1222 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Holowach,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Tecolote Trunk Sewer SDP located near Interstate 5 (I-5). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Safety is one of Caltrans' strategic goals. Caltrans strives to make the year 2050 the first year without a single death or serious injury on California's roads. We are striving for more equitable outcomes for the transportation network's diverse users. To achieve these ambitious goals, we will pursue meaningful collaboration with our partners. We encourage the implementation of new technologies, innovations, and best practices that will enhance the safety on the transportation network. These pursuits are both ambitious and urgent, and their accomplishment involves a focused departure from the status quo as we continue to institutionalize safety in all our work.

Caltrans is committed to prioritizing projects that are equitable and provide meaningful benefits to historically underserved communities, to ultimately improve transportation accessibility and quality of life for people in the communities we serve.

We look forward to working with the City of San Diego in areas where the City and Caltrans have joint jurisdiction to improve the transportation network and connections between various modes of travel, with the goal of improving the experience of those who use the transportation system.

Caltrans has the following comments:

### **Environmental**

The analysis presented does not have any impact on Caltrans Right-of-Way (R/W). Should elements of the project and/or mitigation measures change to effect Caltrans R/W, we would then have discretionary authority of a portion of the project that is in Caltrans' R/W through the form of an encroachment permit process. Please contact us when you discover that Caltrans R/W is affected as we would appreciate meeting with you to discuss the elements of the environmental document that Caltrans will use for our subsequent environmental compliance.

Should elements of the project and/or mitigation measures effect Caltrans R/W, we would then have discretionary authority over the portion of the project that is in Caltrans' R/W through the form of an encroachment permit process. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide approved final environmental documents for this project, corresponding technical studies, and necessary regulatory and resource agency permits. Specifically, CEQA determinations or exemptions. Specifically, CEQA determinations or exemptions. Caltrans will be seeking to adopt the alternative and/or mitigation measure effecting State R/W in our subsequent environmental documentation. These supporting documents must address all environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W and address any impacts from avoidance and/or mitigation measures. Please contact us upon discovery that Caltrans R/W is affected as we would appreciate meeting with you to discuss the elements of the Mitigated Negative Declaration or other required documentation that Caltrans will use for our subsequent environmental compliance.

### **Right-of-Way**

- Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.
- Any work performed within Caltrans' R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction.

Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158 or emailing [D11.Permits@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D11.Permits@dot.ca.gov) or by visiting the website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.

Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

## **Right-of-Way Utilities**

It is also understood by our agency that no new utility crossings on State Facilities will occur as a result of this project. However, any work performed within Caltrans' R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide an approved final environmental document including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination addressing any environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W, and any corresponding technical studies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Dodson, IGR Coordinator, at (619) 985-1587 or by e-mail sent to [Kimberly.Dodson@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Dodson@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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