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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Ms. Hammond:

Re: NOP for the Munger Residence Hall Project, SCH# 2021070120

The California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics (Division), reviewed the above-referenced document with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional aviation land use planning issues pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Division has technical expertise in the areas of airport operations safety, noise, and airport land use compatibility. We are a funding agency for airport projects, and we have permit authority for public-use and special-use airports and heliports. The following comments are offered for your consideration.

The proposal is for a project known as the Munger Residence Hall. It will provide residential housing for 4,536 students and additional units for staff in an 11-story building on the edge of the main campus of UC Santa Barbara. Existing buildings on the residence hall site will be demolished and existing uses will be moved to the nearby Cabrillo Business Park in the City of Goleta. The UCSB 2010 Long Range Development Plan will also be amended.

The project site is approximately 0.50 miles south of the approach end of Runway 7/25 at Santa Barbara Airport. The airport handles over 400,000 annual enplaned passengers and 143 based aircraft, and it is listed in the current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems as a Primary Commercial Service airport.

In accordance with CEQA, Public Resources Code Section 21096, the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (Handbook) must be utilized as a resource in the preparation of environmental documents for projects within airport land use compatibility plan boundaries or if such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of an airport. The Handbook is available on-line at:

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<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/aeronautics/documents/californiaairportlanduseplanninghandbook-ally.pdf>

California Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 21659 prohibits structural hazards near airports. The proposal will require submission of a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) to the FAA in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace." Form 7460-1 is available on-line at <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp> and should be submitted electronically to the FAA.

In accordance with PUC Section 21676 *et seq.*, prior to the amendment of a general plan or specific plan, or the adoption or approval of a zoning ordinance or building regulation within the planning boundary established by the airport land use commission (ALUC), the local agency shall first refer the proposed action to the ALUC.

In addition to submitting the proposal to the ALUC, it should also be coordinated with Santa Barbara Airport staff to ensure that the proposal will be compatible with future as well as existing airport operations.

These comments reflect the areas of concern to the Division with respect to airport-related noise, safety, and regional land use planning issues. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 654-6223, or by email at philip.crimmins@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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