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Lee Torres
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11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, CA 91731-3293

RE: Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Drainage
Improvement Project – Mitigated Negative
Declaration (MND)
SCH# 2021090491
GTS# 07-LA-2021-03717
Vic. LA-10 PM 30.441

Dear Lee Torres:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. This project proposes the installation of a new storm drain and an infiltration system to alleviate flooding problems during storm events. The proposed storm drain improvements are intended to meet current design standards for a 50-year storm and reduce the occurrence of flooding at the Garvey Avenue Grade Separation. The design objective is to reduce the potential flooding hazards to the general public from multiple times a year to approximately once every 50 years. An additional design objective is to improve the water quality of the San Gabriel River by capturing pollutants from dry-weather flows and stormwater from rain events less than or equal to the water quality storm event, defined as the 85th percentile, 24-hour rainfall event.

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is Interstate 10. After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

The Project is located adjacent to Caltrans right-of-way and has the potential to impact the overall distribution and flow of water in the area. Multiple reviews, approvals, and encroachment permits will be required for any project work proposed on or in the vicinity of the Caltrans right-of-way and all concerns must be adequately addressed. Additional coordination may be required if some element of the design is found to negatively impact State facilities.

TRAF-1 should include detailed plans for bicycle and pedestrian detours during construction. These plans should meet or exceed standards required in the California Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Maintaining viable detour routes during construction, that include adequate barriers against motorized traffic, is critical to the safety and comfort of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Caltrans concurs with TRAF-3, which states that transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from Caltrans.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2021-03717.

Sincerely,



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IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: State Clearinghouse