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Dear Ms. Resichl,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the San Juan Capistrano Skatepark Project Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City of San Juan Capistrano. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment.

The project proposes approximately 42,575 square feet of recreational space that would consist of a new skatepark, new playground restroom building, raised berm seating, and landscaping. Regional access to the project area is provided by Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 74 (SR 74). Caltrans is a responsible agency for this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

Transportation Planning

1. Caltrans encourages the City of San Juan Capistrano to provide a discussion on potentially improving multimodal transportation (walking, biking, and transit) opportunities for residents and visitors to address accessibility, safety, and environmental benefits. New development projects should also be encouraged to incorporate opportunities to support sustainable and multimodal transportation options, including, but not limited to, transit, walking, biking, shared and electric vehicles.
2. Please consider adding additional bicycle infrastructure (bike lanes, signage) along Camino Del Avion and Via Positiva to provide safer accessibility to the park and surrounding uses (including to/from Kinoshita Elementary School).
3. The San Juan Capistrano Metrolink Station is in close proximity to the proposed project. Consider promoting sufficient transportation connection to and from the station to the project site with wayfinding/signage.

Providing rail connectivity will add multi-modal options to residents leading to decreased VMT and improved air quality.

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Encroachment Permit

4. Any project work proposed in the vicinity of the State Right-of-Way (ROW) would require an encroachment permit and all environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. If the environmental documentation for the project does not meet Caltrans's requirements for work done within State ROW, additional documentation would be required before approval of the encroachment permit. Please coordinate with Caltrans to meet requirements for any work within or near State ROW. For specific details for Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to the Caltrans's Encroachment Permits Manual at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>

Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Jamoralin at (657) 328-6276 or Joseph.Jamoralin@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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