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RE: Silver Lake Reservoir Complex  
Master Plan Project  
SCH # 2022010055  
GTS # 07-LA-2022-03816

Dear Shilpa Gupta:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced Notice of Preparation (NOP). The Project would redesign 116 acres of the 127-acre Silver Lake Reservoir Complex with community park amenities. New additions also include two flexible lawns with shade trees, a picnic grove and ornamental gardens with an informal play area, and an environmental education center along the east edge of Silver Lake Reservoir. The City of Los Angeles is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State facilities to the proposed project are Interstate (I)-5 and State Route (SR)-2. From reviewing the NOP, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans supports the addition of pedestrian pathways, dedicated bike lanes and transit availability that were noted in the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan. This supports our mission to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment, and to help achieve our goal of enhancing and connecting the multimodal transportation network.

Caltrans also supports the addition of canopy trees and native plantings. These additions to regional green infrastructure help improve air quality, combat the heat island effect, and promote sustainable practices through water efficiency and wildlife habitat restoration.

As a reminder, it is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commuter periods. Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Information on the permit application can be found by contacting the Caltrans District 7 Office of Permits at (213) 897-3631.

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We look forward to reviewing the forthcoming Draft Environmental Impact Report. If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Diana DeGroot, the project coordinator, at [Diana.DeGroot@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Diana.DeGroot@dot.ca.gov), and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2022-03816.

Sincerely,

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