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RE: City of Camarillo
Pleasant Valley Road Bike Lanes
SCH # 2022010540
GTS # 07-VEN-2022-00473

Dear Thang Tran:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced Draft Initial Study (IS). This portion of Pleasant Valley Road is planned and identified as a future Class II bicycle facility. The Project would include widening the existing roadway to accommodate 12-foot travel lanes, and 5-foot bike lanes in each direction. In addition, the project would include a transition (e.g., a right-hand turn lane pocket) within the existing roadway at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Las Posas Road. The City of Camarillo is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is State Route (SR)-34. From reviewing the Draft IS, Caltrans has the following comments:

The proposed Project is directly adjacent to SR-34. Please note that any work within the Caltrans Right of Way will require an Encroachment permit. Project plans such as a Pavement Delineation Plan or other project information may be required. It is also 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. Contact the Caltrans District 7 Office of Permits at (213) 897-3631 for more information.

Caltrans supports the expansion of the City's bike paths. 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 encourages the Lead Agency to consider the addition of visual indicators such as flashing beacons, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, and striping to alert motorists of pedestrian and bicycle crossings. Pedestrian and bicyclist safety can also be enhanced with methods such as roadway narrowing to reduce crossing distances, refuge islands, class IV bike lanes, and sidewalks.

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Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. The completed project could incorporate green design elements that can capture storm water such as permeable pavement, landscaping, and trees to reduce urban water run-off.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Diana DeGroot, the project coordinator, at Diana.DeGroot@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-VEN-2022-00473.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse