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San Benito County, Attention: Ms. Arielle Goodspeed
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Subject: SCH 2022020429

The California Highway Patrol, Hollister-Gilroy Area received the Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal for a Draft Environmental Impact Report of the Lee Subdivision Project, State Clearing House (SCH) number 2022020429. After review, we have some concerns with the increased traffic congestion that will result with the proposed increase in residents in the project area.

Our concern relates to the conclusions of the Transportation Analysis – Appendix H, and findings of the Additional Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis – Appendix I, which identify numerous ‘adverse effects’ and ‘significant traffic impacts on VMT’ with the increased traffic volumes the proposed project will create. Without question, the projected increase in traffic volumes will have a negative impact on our operations due to the resulting increase in traffic congestion within the area, which will result in an increase in crashes and slower response times to emergency incidents. Efforts to mitigate the expected increase in congestion, crashes, and response times could include ensuring sufficient clearance (road width) exists along primary (State Route 25) and adjacent highways (e.g., Fairway Road, Sunnyslope Road, Hillcrest Road) for the free movement of emergency vehicles regardless of intermittent congestion, and/or on-demand signalized timing of traffic signals to control traffic flow for emergency vehicle response to incidents when necessary.

Should you have any questions regarding these concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email at NCoady@chp.ca.gov or telephone (408) 427-0700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N. C. Coady, ID 15606".

N. C. COADY, Captain
Commander

Attachment

cc: Coastal Division

