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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: El Camino College Fire Academy  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH # 2022030770  
Vic. LA-405/PM: 16.701  
GTS # 07-LA-2022-03902

Dear Jorge Gutierrez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed project would involve the construction of the El Camino College Fire Training Facility, which includes new classrooms, locker rooms, a multipurpose room, an administrative office, fire apparatus storage building, a fire tower, a physical training area, a ventilation props storage area, and landscaped areas. The El Camino Community College District is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State facility to the proposed project are Interstate 405 (I-405) and State Route 107 (SR-107). After reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities. The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For TDM strategies that the Lead Agency may want to consider integrating into this project to further reduce VMT, please refer to:

- The 2010 Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wpcontent/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>, and/or

- Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at

Based on the 11th edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, the proposed project is estimated to generate a total of 52 daily trips, with 5 AM peak hour trips and 5 PM peak hour trips. If a project generates a net increase of 110 or more daily vehicle trips, then further VMT analysis is required. Therefore, the project would result in a less than significant impact with regard to VMT.

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. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

Finally, any work completed on or near Caltrans' right of way may require an encroachment permit. However, the final determination on this will be made by Caltrans' Office of Permits. This work would require additional review and may be subject to additional requirements to ensure current design standards and access management elements are being addressed. For more information on encroachment permits, see: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Herrera, the project coordinator, at [Karen.Herrera@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Karen.Herrera@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2022-03902.

Sincerely,



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