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Good afternoon Lily Toy,

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Redding Area, has reviewed the Environmental Impact Document (SCH 2022050300) proposed by the City of Redding. The CHP Redding Area was asked to evaluate potential traffic safety and congestion issues relative to the proposed project located within the City of Redding in relation to development for increased housing.

The proposed magnitude of the project would likely place an increased demand on public safety resources with the expected increase in vehicular traffic on State Route (SR) 299, SR-44, SR-273, Interstate 5 and unincorporated county roads within Shasta County. The proposed project is located in close proximity to all the previously listed state routes and Interstate 5. These roadways are already experiencing increased congestion during peak periods of use and during special events in the City of Redding and Shasta County. This project could have a negative impact on CHP Redding Area operations due to the increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic, which will necessitate the need for additional traffic safety control measures to mitigate the potential increase in traffic congestion and collisions within our jurisdiction. The potential impact to CHP operations are as follows:

- **Increased Traffic:** This would potentially increase traffic congestion and calls for service. The project includes the addition of several miles of roadway which would fall under the jurisdiction of CHP Redding Area for traffic enforcement and traffic safety. This increase in workload could have a negative impact on response times to calls for service.
- **Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety:** With increased housing, including additional new roadways, comes the concern of increased vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic. Potential concerns include the design of roadways of sufficient size to accommodate vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists at concurrent times while keeping safety paramount. This could also potentially increase traffic congestion and calls for service, negatively impacting CHP Redding Area's ability to respond to calls for service in a timely manner.

- **Increased Heavy Truck Traffic:** The addition of housing and additional new roadways, would theoretically increase delivery of goods and services to local retailers and residential customers. A review of current truck routes and approved hazardous materials routes would need to be completed to ensure the efficient flow of goods and services on all state and local highways. Consideration should be given to ensure roadways are capable of accommodating the increased truck traffic to include the increased size and weight associated with heavy truck traffic.
- **School Bus Routing:** CHP Redding Area oversees school bus operations within Shasta County, and with increased housing and new roadways, school bus routes would need to be revised which would include a review of new bus stops by the CHP Redding Area. CHP Redding Area is also responsible for school bus driver testing and licensing within Shasta County. With increased residential housing, this would cause an increased workload for CHP Redding Area to review and approve school bus stops and to process and approve school bus driver applicants. Furthermore, the safety of children at all school bus stops is amongst our highest priority, and locations would need to be safe and suitable for vehicular traffic, pedestrians, bicyclists and a school bus use at concurrent times.
- **Additional Enforcement Demands:** Increased housing and new roadways brings more vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists, which all use roadways within California. CHP Redding Area would have an increased workload to ensure proper traffic safety. Additionally, CHP Redding Area could incur more congestion of local roads, state highways, and state freeways. Increased congestion increases calls for service, which may increase response times as the call volume increases.
- **Reduction of Jurisdiction:** With the proposed housing project, the City of Redding could potentially expand its city limits thereby causing a reduction of CHP Redding Area jurisdiction on local roads.
- **CHP Redding Communication Center Operations (RCC):** If the City of Redding boundaries are adjusted, this would require collaboration between RCC and the Shasta Area Safety Communications Agency (ShasCom) to appropriately map, route, and assign emergency resources, calls for service, and to ensure 911 cellular phone calls and texts to 911 are routed to the correct agency.

I sincerely appreciate the ability to provide input and feedback in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned, please contact me or Sergeant Timothy Hinkson at (530) 225-0500.

Best regards. KA



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