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Subject: CHP Redding Response to Environmental Document Review – SCH # 2022050300
Attachments: SCH 2022050300.pdf



Good Afternoon Lily Toy,

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Redding Area, has re-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.

From the previous concerns expressed, only “Increased Traffic” and “Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety” on local roads were addressed. CHP Redding appreciates the considerations given to establishing and planning roadways of sufficient size and design to accommodate increased traffic in addition to pedestrians, bicyclists, heavy trucks, and buses. CHP Redding concurs the use of congestion relief traffic control devices would be beneficial in the planning and expansion of the City of Redding. Specifically, planning additional lanes and mitigating controls in established roadways already suffering from congestion and planning ahead for increased traffic while building and establishing new roadways.

However; This project would still place an increased demand on CHP Redding 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 direct 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 (Redding Rodeo, Kool April Nites, Redding Christmas Parade, Shasta District Fair, Anderson Explodes). 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. SCH 2022050300 lists in 5.16.1.2, a 20-30% projected increase in vehicular traffic on the various state routes which flow through and around the City of Redding. The additional traffic flow on these main thoroughfares has not been addressed. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would need to provide valuable insight into the development of additional traffic lanes and congestion relief on this state highways. This projected increase in traffic will most definitely increase the calls for service related to the CHP Redding patrol jurisdiction.
- **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. Currently several state routes jointly serve as bike routes (SR-44, SR-299, SR-273, & I-5). CHP Redding is responsible for these routes, and with a projected 20-30% increase of traffic on the freeways and state highways, considerations will need to be made to reroute bicyclists, equestrians, and pedestrians from these controlled roadways to ensure their safety. As stated in SCH 2022050300, section 5.16.1.2 *Existing Conditions*, freeway speeds vary from 55-70 MPH, where motorists have a significantly decreased reaction time compared to slow moving pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians. Currently pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians frequent SR-44, SR-299, SR-273, and I-5 where roadway lanes are a mere few feet from pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians traveling at a speed variance of over 50 MPH.

- **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. SCH 2022050300 lists in 5.16.1.2, a 20-30% projected increase in vehicular traffic on the various state routes which flow through the City of Redding. The additional traffic flow on these main thoroughfares has not been addressed. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would need to provide valuable insight into the development of additional traffic lanes and congestion relief on this state highways. This projected increase in traffic will most definitely increase the calls for service related to the CHP Redding patrol jurisdiction.
- **School Bus Routing:** As referenced in 5.15.3.1, page 556, the Shasta County Office of Education oversees 101 public schools, 17 public charter schools, and 19 preschools in Shasta County. CHP Redding is responsible for **every** Bus Driver certification, School Bus Stop, and any collision involving a school bus, regardless of traffic jurisdiction. CHP Redding 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. CHP Redding 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 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. Furthermore, CHP Redding responds to several State of California Agencies located within the City of Redding. CHP Redding is responsible for general law enforcement services to over 100 state properties and facilities located within the current limits of the City of Redding.
- **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. (See Below for Further)

- **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. This is a major undertaking as Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems would need to be updated for both agencies. Additionally, with the reduction of jurisdiction, CHP Redding beat assignments would need to be revised to ensure patrol personnel are properly allocated to regions of similar call volume. Changing beat assignments and updating CAD is a huge undertaking and requires several months of planning prior to implementation. CHP Redding would likely require multiple months of planning and coordination with ShasCom to ensure a smooth transition of calls as different phases of the plan were completed.
 - Although not a primary concern of CHP Redding, a similar issue would likely occur with Redding Fire and CalFire with dispatching of fire services as areas of response change from County to City or vice-versa. This could affect CHP Redding operations as we often transfer calls to fire agencies and request fire services depending on the scene and response required. A change of fire service jurisdiction would necessitate allied agency meetings to ensure the primary fire agency was correctly dispatched, especially during times of emergency.

- **Law Enforcement Facilities Located within the City of Redding:** SCH 2022050300 in section 5.15.2.1, page 549-550, lists “other law enforcement headquarters” located within the City of Redding. The list is incomplete and omits several State of California law enforcement agencies, including the following:
 - CHP Northern Division – 2485 Sonoma Street, Redding, CA 96001
 - CHP Northern Air Operations – 2600 Gold Street, Redding, CA 96001
 - CalFire LEO – 875 Cypress Ave, Redding, CA 96001
 - Alcoholic Beverage Control – 1900 Churn Crk Road, Redding, CA 96002
 - Department of Fish and Wildlife – 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA 96001
 - CDCR Parole – 391 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96001

CHP Redding sincerely appreciates the ability to provide input and feedback in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned, please contact Captain Alexander or myself at (530) 225-0500.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Environmental Document Review – SCH # 2022050300 – Due to Lead Agency by 8/28/2023

Good afternoon,

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced Notice of Environmental Impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH) outlined in the following Web site:

[Redding 2023-2045 General Plan Update \(ca.gov\)](#)

Please note: The Redding Area previous replied to the Notice of Preparation for this project on 6/10/2022 (attached for reference).

Redding Area's response can be found in the "Redding GP EIR_Appendices.pdf"

(<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022050300/2/Attachment/sXkLMS>) on page 21.

In the main document, "Redding General Plan Update EIR.pdf"

(<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022050300/2/Attachment/UMp2du>), CHP comments are noted and summarized on page 37. The sections noted for CHP comments to be addressed are:

- Chapter 3, Project Description, beginning on page 43.
- Public Services, Police Protection, beginning on page 546.
- Transportation, beginning on page 607.

Due to the project's geographical proximity, please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local operations and public safety. **If impact is determined**, responses should be e-mailed directly to the Lead Agency with cc to SCH and myself. **If there is no impact**, please do not include SCH or the Lead Agency in your response.

For more information on the EIR review process, please check out: [Power Point Commanders EIR Training.pptx \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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