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Wael Saleh, C.P.A., M.B.A  
Rio School District  
1800 Solar Drive  
Oxnard, CA 93030

RE: Rio del Valle Middle School Existing  
Campus Expansion Master Plan  
Draft Environmental Impact Report  
(DEIR) SCH # 2022060117  
Vic. VEN-101/PM: 20.891  
GTS # 07-VEN-2022-00516

Dear Wael Saleh:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced DEIR. The Rio School District proposes to implement the Rio del Valle Campus Enhancement Master Plan to meet the educational, recreational, and support facilities needs of District students. The proposed project includes development within the expanded campus, which would include options for: new classrooms, library and media center, multi-purposed building, transportation and parking facilities, recreational facilities including a 320-meter track, flag football field, six basketball courts, baseball field, softball field, physical education (P.E.) and lunch play field, four sand volleyball courts, two soccer fields, jogging path, an athletic restroom/storage building, and up to 10 tennis courts and/or pickleball courts. The State Water Resources Control Board is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project site is approximately half a mile from the North U.S. 101 ramp on N. Rose Avenue. After reviewing the DEIR, Caltrans has the following comments.

The City of Oxnard Public Works Division collects traffic impact fees based on project-generated traffic that would impact roadways within the City's jurisdiction. Standard conditions of permit issuance initiate collection of these fees for all projects within the City of Oxnard, regardless of whether the Project is private or public. The proposed Project will implement three mitigation measures: TRAF-1, TRAF-2, and TRAF-3. Would these mitigation measures be funded by the traffic impact fees?

The DEIR states that the Project could potentially result in a 250-student increase, approximately 30%. Evaluating the new driveways for the District Transportation and

Parking Facility and site access is recommended for adequate sight distance, sufficient internal queuing space, driveways serving the demand, and accommodating all peak hour trips. The purpose is so that the Project does not result in internal stacking that spills into nearby arterials and substantially affects operating conditions along Rose Avenue and Collins Street.

Although the site anticipates growth in vehicle trips from increased student population or operational uses, Caltrans concurs that transportation impacts, as well as VMT impacts, would be less than significant with the implementation of the mitigation measures.

The following information is included for your consideration. 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 and refer to GTS # 07-VEN-2022-00516.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse