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Dear Ms. Crockett,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Paseo de Colinas Townhomes Project in the City of Laguna Niguel. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment.

The project proposes to develop a 38-unit townhome community consisting of nine three-story townhome buildings with attached two-car garages. Regional access to the project area is provided by Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 73 (SR 73). Caltrans is a responsible agency for this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

Transportation Planning

1. Caltrans supports projects which provide a diversity of housing choices and destinations accessible by Active Transportation (i.e. bicycle and pedestrian) and transit users. Consider providing a discussion about the City's multimodal mobility strategies relating to transit bus and rail services as well as active transportation for local and regional connectivity. Improving multimodal connections to housing will encourage future residents, visitors, and workers in the city to utilize all modes of transportation.
2. Caltrans supports the project's inclusion of bicycle parking and storage spaces. With the growing popularity of electric bikes and cargo/utility bikes (which tend to be bigger and heavier), Caltrans recommends that bicycle parking and storage spaces be designed to accommodate a range of bicycle styles, sizes, and weights.

For additional guidance on providing bike parking for a range of bicycle styles & sizes, see the attached "Essentials of Bike Parking" guidance created by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.

(link to online PDF: <https://www.apbp.org/Publications>).

Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Jamoralin at (657) 328-6276 or Joseph.Jamoralin@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Shelley".

SCOTT SHELLEY
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