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Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
New District Facilities Project
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Denver Stairs, Assistant Superintendent
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Clovis, CA 93611

Dear Mx. Stairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the New District Facilities Project which proposes to construct 2 administrative and school buildings for the first phase with a future phase adding three administrative offices. The project is located on the southeast quadrant of Herndon Avenue and Fowler Avenue in the City of Clovis, approximately 0.42 miles south of the State Route (SR) 168 and Fowler Avenue interchange and 1.2 miles east of the SR 168 and Herndon Avenue interchange.

This project was previously reviewed as the City of Clovis' Development Review Committee (DRC) application 2022-028, a Scope of Work (SOW) for a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Report, and the Draft TIA with this office having no major comments on the application and previous documents.

Caltrans provides the following comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. It is recommended that the project contribute to all applicable Impact Fee programs, such as the City's Development Fee and the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) program to ensure that the developments contribute to its fair share toward future improvement needs.

2. Alternative transportation policies should be applied to the development. An assessment of multimodal facilities should be conducted to develop an integrated multimodal transportation system to serve and help alleviate traffic congestion resulting from the project and related development in the area of the City. The assessment should include the following:
 - a. Pedestrian walkways should not only be limited to the project's internal connectivity but be connected to existing walkways and transit facilities outside the project area.
 - b. The project should consider coordinating connections to local and regional bicycle pathways to encourage the use of bicycles for commuter and recreational purposes.
 - c. Non-motorized facilities, such as bike racks, showers, and water fountains, should also be considered for the project site to help encourage multi-modal transportation.
 - d. If transit is not available within 1/4-mile of the project area, transit should be extended to provide services to high-activity centers of the project.
3. As part of the statewide effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Caltrans recommends the project proponents consider the installation of public Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) and DC Fast Charging EV charging stations.
4. Active Transportation Plans and Smart Growth efforts support the state's 2050 Climate goals. Caltrans supports reducing VMT and GHG emissions in ways that increase the likelihood that people will use and benefit from a multimodal transportation network

If you have any other questions, please call or email Christopher Xiong at (559) 908-7064 or Christopher.Xiong@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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