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RE: Kanan Road/ Agoura Road Ultimate
Intersection Improvements Project –
Public Review Initial Study (IS)/
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2022120241
GTS # 07-LA-2022-04135
Vic. LA-101/PM 35.041

Dear Jessica Cleavenger:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project consists of improvements to the existing signalized intersection at Kanan Road/Agoura Road. The City is regarded as the “Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains,” and the Kanan Road/Agoura Road Intersection will provide a unique focal point for motorists traveling to, from and along the City’s southerly limits. The project will provide for improved flow of traffic, pedestrian safety, potential decrease in the number of accidents and also provide for aesthetic enhancements. The project is bordered at the northwest and northeast corners of the intersection by fully improved and built-out commercial developments. Additionally, the Kanan-101 Freeway interchange is located approximately 600-ft north of the intersection. These constraints, coupled with the high use and visibility of the intersection, make the project a challenging and sensitive priority for the City. The City of Agoura Hills is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project site is approximately 600 feet south of State Route 101 (US-101). After reviewing the IS/MND, Caltrans has the following comments: Due to the proximity of the Project to Caltrans right-of-way, the Project may have an adverse impact on State Route 101. As such, the Lead Agency should provide additional documents for review. These documents should include, but are not limited to, Project Report and Plan sheets, such as, Traffic Counts, Traffic Signal Sheets, and proposed Signal Plans.

If there are any significant impacts to the State Highway System, the implementation of multimodal mitigation measures and other TDM strategies should be considered to reduce the number of vehicle trips generated by the project.

Additionally, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, including US-101, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

Finally, 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>.

We look forward to reviewing any proceeding documents related to this project and will provide additional comments at that time, if warranted. In the spirit of cooperation, Caltrans staff is available to work with your planners and traffic engineers for this project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Carlo Ramirez, the project coordinator, at Carlo.Ramirez@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2022-04135.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse