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East Otay Trail Alignment Study
NOP/SCH#2023010085

Ms. Juliette Orozco
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County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation
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Dear Ms. Orozco:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the East Otay Trail Alignment Study located near State Route 11 (SR-11), State Route 54 (SR-54), State Route 94 (SR-94), and State Route 125 (SR-125). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Safety is one of Caltrans' strategic goals. Caltrans strives to make the year 2050 the first year without a single death or serious injury on California's roads. We are striving for more equitable outcomes for the transportation network's diverse users. To achieve these ambitious goals, we will pursue meaningful collaboration with our partners. We encourage the implementation of new technologies, innovations, and best practices that will enhance the safety on the transportation network. These pursuits are both ambitious and urgent, and their accomplishment involves a focused departure from the status quo as we continue to institutionalize safety in all our work.

Caltrans is committed to prioritizing projects that are equitable and provide meaningful benefits to historically underserved communities, to ultimately improve transportation accessibility and quality of life for people in the communities we serve.

We look forward to working with the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation in areas where the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation and Caltrans have joint jurisdiction to improve the transportation network

and connections between various modes of travel, with the goal of improving the experience of those who use the transportation system.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Traffic Control Plan/Hauling

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has discretionary authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and may, upon application and if good cause appears, issue a special permit to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum limitations specified in the California Vehicle Code. The Caltrans Transportation Permits Issuance Branch is responsible for the issuance of these special transportation permits for oversize/overweight vehicles on the State Highway network. Additional information is provided online at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/permits/index.html>

A Traffic Control Plan may need to be submitted to Caltrans District 11, including the interchanges at SR-94, at least 30 days prior to the start of any construction. Traffic shall not be unreasonably delayed. The plan shall also outline suggested detours to use during closures, including routes and signage.

Potential impacts to the highway facilities and traveling public from the detour, demolition and other construction activities should be discussed and addressed before work begins.

All project construction from the proposed program will be accessed through local streets. There will be no access from Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W) or freeway ramps. If there is a need for access through Caltrans' R/W then an Encroachment Permit approval is required.

Hydrology and Drainage Studies

- Please provide hydraulics studies, drainage and grading plans to Caltrans for review.

Right-of-Way

- If construction from the proposed project requires traffic control on Caltrans' R/W, then an Encroachment Permit approval is required.
- Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.

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- Any work performed within Caltrans' R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction.

Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158 or emailing D11.Permits@dot.ca.gov or by visiting the website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sandy Vazquez, LDR Coordinator, at (619) 987-3580 or by e-mail sent to Sandra.Vazquez@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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