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Early Learning Center  
SCH#2023020521

Sherry Munday  
Facilities & Special Projects Manager  
646 West Pacheco Boulevard  
Los Banos, California 93635

Dear Ms. Munday:

The California Department of Transportation appreciates the opportunity to review the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) for the proposed transitional kindergarten school at the southwest corner of East B Street and Place Road in the City of Los Banos. The project will have 300 students (150 in the morning and 150 in the afternoon) and 52 staff. The Department has the following comments:

1. Caltrans recommends a Complete Streets approach to planning this development and the surrounding area that promotes bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between the school and neighboring residences and other nearby destinations. This would include facilities such as crosswalks, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes. This would also include safety measures for students such as off-street locations for pick-up and drop-off or street crossings and traffic controls during pick-up and drop-off times.
2. Caltrans recommends that the school and nearby destinations include the facilities necessary to accommodate alternate modes of transportation such as bus stops, bike racks, and solar charging stations for electric vehicles.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 483-2582 or Nicholas Fung at (209) 986-1552.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nicholas Fung'.

FOR

Tom Dumas  
Chief, Office of Metropolitan Planning