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Dear Ms. Straabe

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Notice of Preparation for a Draft EIR for the OC River Walk Project. The OC River Walk project consists of various multi-purpose improvements that have been identified to transform the Santa Ana River (SAR) corridor through various multi-purpose improvement opportunities. The OC River Walk project site is located within the SAR between the Ball Road and Orangewood Avenue bridge crossings, a 450-foot wide by 9,000-foot-long area (approx. 90 acres and 2 miles) adjacent to Angel Stadium, ARTIC, and the Honda Center. The Honda Center has been selected as the 2028 Summer Olympics indoor volleyball venue, providing an incentive to improve infrastructure and accommodations for the surrounding area to facilitate tourist recreational activities. Additionally, the proposed development around the Honda Center (ocV!BE) and Angel Stadium (The Big A: 2050) will introduce additional residents and attract more local visitors and tourists. These ongoing development activities will further activate the existing recreational areas, pedestrian foot traffic, and bikeways in the vicinity. The nearest state facility to the project site is State Route 57 (SR-57).

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Caltrans is a responsible agency on this project and has the following comments:

System Planning

1. Consider incorporating bicycle parking if there are opportunities to do so. Caltrans supports the inclusion of bicycle storage facilities pursuant to CALGreen code. Caltrans also recommends following bicycle parking best practices described in the "Essentials of Bike Parking" guide created by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (link to online PDF: <https://www.apbp.org/Publications>). Bike parking should be installed a minimum of 24" away from walls and other objects (e.g., trash cans, plants, etc.). With the growing popularity of electric bikes and cargo/utility bikes (which tend to be

bigger and heavier), Caltrans also recommends that bicycle storage facilities be designed to accommodate a range of bicycle styles, sizes, and weights.

2. Continue to incorporate Complete Streets in project development, including connections to existing and proposed active transportation facilities in the project vicinity. Caltrans supports the design of Complete Streets that include high-quality pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities that are safe and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities. Improvements may include providing secure bicycle parking, pedestrian-oriented LED lighting, wayfinding signage, and comfortable connections to nearby active transportation and/or transit facilities. Complete Streets improvements also promote regional connectivity, improve air quality, reduce congestion, promote improved first-/last-mile connections, and increase safety for all modes of transportation.

Equity

3. The Department firmly embraces racial equity, inclusion, and diversity. These values are foundational to achieving our vision of a cleaner, safer, and more accessible and more connected transportation system.
4. Considering the need for equitable access to amenities and resources, please consider referencing the City's own General plan Environmental Justice (EJ) Element that is in development. The Element discusses EJ goals and policies for accessibility to public facilities, safety, recreation, and green space. Ensure that residents and visitors from all socioeconomic backgrounds can access the new facilities in development of the OC River Walk.

Encroachment Permit

5. Any work performed within Caltrans right-of-way (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. Prior to submitting to Caltrans Permit's branch, applicant should fill out Applicant's Checklist to Determine Applicable Review Process (QMAP List) Form TR-0416 to determine if project oversight/coordination with Caltrans Project Manager is needed. Applicant must submit a signed Standard Encroachment Permit application form TR-0100 along with a deposit payable to Caltrans. Deposit amount will be dependent on when the application is submitted. Public corporations are legally exempt from encroachment permit fees. Please note that all utility work should

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be disclosed prior to permit submittal, and utility companies are to apply for separate permits for their corresponding work.

6. Project plans and traffic control plans must be stamped and signed by a licensed engineer. For all plans, including traffic control plans, Caltrans R/W lines should be clearly labeled, which includes existing and proposed (if there are any changes to Caltrans R/W), the north arrow, the edge of pavement, and edge of the sidewalk, if applicable. When submitting the application, please include final Environmental Clearance Documentation, relevant design details including design exception approvals and construction and drainage plans, traffic control plans, traffic management plan and traffic impact study if proposed traffic delay of 30 minutes above normal recurring traffic delay is anticipated, any Caltrans R/W certifications if needed, maintenance agreement as needed, shoring plans for any excavation 5-feet or more, ADA certification, and any letter of authorizations.

7. Please submit all applications and associated documents/plans via email to D12.Permits@dot.ca.gov until further notice. Caltrans Encroachment Permits will be transitioning to an online web portal base for all applications in Fall 2023. Further details to be announced on the Caltrans Encroachment Permits homepage. Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (657) 328-6246. For specific details on Caltrans Encroachment Permits procedure and any future updates regarding the application process and permit rates, please visit the Caltrans Encroachment Permits homepage at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.

Please continue to coordinate with Caltrans for any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maryam Molavi, at Maryam.Molavi@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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