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California Department of Transportation - District 7
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Re: State Clearing House #2023040301

Dear Mr. Roach:

The South Los Angeles Area was recently requested to review the Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement environmental impact report to identify impacts and/or concerns relating to operations from the perspective of the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The CHP's interest on commenting surrounds our concern for traffic congestion and our response to emergency incidents.

In the event a Single-Stage Construction model is chosen, a full closure of the Vincent Thomas Bridge for approximately one year would cause extreme traffic congestion in and around Terminal Island as commercial trucks would be required to find alternate routes. Along with severe traffic congestion, it would also cause additional wear and tear on alternative routes due to the heavy commercial traffic.

In the event a Two or Three-Stage Construction model is chosen, CHP responses to emergency incidents in and around Terminal Island would be lengthened due to heavy traffic congestion and no emergency lanes available to bypass stopped traffic.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant M. Fibrow, at (424) 551-4000.

Sincerely,

J. A. ZIZI, Captain
Commander
South Los Angeles Area

