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Coastal Resilience Master Plan
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Dear Ms. Moore:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Coastal Resilience Master Plan located near Interstate 5 (I-5) and Interstate 8 (I-8). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment.

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 City in areas where the City 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.

Climate Change

As an environmentally conscious agency, Caltrans strives to work with partner agencies in order to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change on the state highway system. Caltrans supports the City of San Diego's efforts to adapt to changing climate in an environmentally friendly, nature-based way that improves and maintains coastal access for all. The proposed concepts outlined in the Coastal Resilience Master Plan are an excellent example of proactive planning and what can be accomplished by working with the local community and the natural environment to preserve and enhance public spaces. While all proposed project concepts are off Caltrans right of way, please coordinate with Caltrans should permitting be necessary for any future development. Upon review, please consider the below comments.

- Within CRMP Phase 2, please consider placing more emphasis on phased adaptation approaches that allow for the reevaluation of design concepts over time based on identified impact thresholds. Utilizing this type of approach allows for additional flexibility and a suite of identifiable paths forward in the face of uncertain climatic conditions.
- Within CRMP Phase 2, please consider including additional detail discussing design life of each concept and which sea level rise scenarios were utilized when designing these concepts.

Right-of-Way

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.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Reece Allen, Climate Adaption Program Manager, at (858) 688-1576 or by e-mail sent to reece.allen@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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