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### STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Mr. Adams,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Walker Street Digital Billboard Project. The Project is proposing the construction of a digital billboard on land adjacent to and abutting SR-91 right-of-way within city boundaries. The proposed billboard would be located on the southeast portion of the site within the parking lot area. The proposed billboard would be approximately 92-feet tall and the digital display would be approximately 50-feet wide by 16-feet tall. The project also proposes the replacement of twenty (20) existing Eucalyptus trees with eight (8) Peppermint willows and twelve (12) crape myrtles within the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) freeway right-of-way along the north side of the freeway. Utility connections (electrical) for the billboard would also be provided as part of the proposed project. Construction of the billboard would not require demolition, paving, or grading activities. Construction would be limited to drilling of a hole for the sign-pole, pouring of anchors, erection of the sign-pole, and installation of the digital LED display atop the sign-pole.

La Palma is located in northwest Orange County adjacent to the Los Angeles/Orange County boundary. State Route 91 (SR-91) transverses the northern portion of the City. The proposed digital billboard would be located at 6951 Walker Street along the north side of SR-1. State Route 91 is owned and operated by Caltrans. Therefore, Caltrans is a responsible agency on this project, and has the following comments:

#### **Traffic Operations – Outdoor Advertising (HQ)**

1. The proposed display will be required to obtain an ODA Permit from the Caltrans Outdoor Advertising Program, for information on how to apply for an ODA Permit please e-mail the ODA inbox at [ODA@dot.ca.gov](mailto:ODA@dot.ca.gov), call the ODA public line at (916) 654-6473, or visit our website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda>.

### **Encroachment Permits**

2. Any project work proposed in the vicinity of the State Right-of-Way (ROW) would require an encroachment permit and all environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. If the environmental documentation for the project does not meet Caltrans's requirements for work done within State ROW, additional documentation would be required before approval of the encroachment permit. Please coordinate with Caltrans to meet requirements for any work within or near State ROW. For specific details for Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to the Caltrans's Encroachment Permits Manual at:  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>
  
3. Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (657) 328-6553 or [D12.permits@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D12.permits@dot.ca.gov). Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment Permits. 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>.

Caltrans' mission is to provide a safe, sustainable, equitable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. 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 Julie Lugaro at [Julie.lugaro@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Julie.lugaro@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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