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Eureka Operations Complex
SCH# 2023090278

Ms. Cristin Kenyon
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City of Eureka
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Dear Ms. Kenyon:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to review and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Eureka Operations Complex. The City proposes to acquire approximately 5.6 acres east of Broadway/US Route 101 to construct a new City Operations Complex, which would house the City's existing corporation yard, administrative offices and the City's emergency operations center for responding to emergencies and natural disasters. The anticipated number of staff on site is expected to be 66 employees. The primary access to the site will be from Oceanview Cemetery Road, which is a private road. Secondary access is proposed to come from Weiler Road via Sunset. Weiler Road is a minor local road. Utility extensions would be located underground and extended from the US Route 101 corridor. We offer the following comments:

Caltrans is currently developing the South Broadway Complete Streets project, EA 01-0K940, which is scheduled to go out for bid in June of 2024 but should be considered a tentative date. The South Broadway Complete Streets project description proposes to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Hilfiker Lane and Broadway/US 101. The existing two-way center left-turn lane (TWLTL) on Broadway will be converted to a left-turn pocket in the northbound direction. The conversion of the TWLTL will reduce the available storage for southbound left-turns on Broadway. During peak periods, likely during the morning weekday commute, the access at Oceanview Cemetery may be impacted, particularly by larger heavy-duty vehicles and vehicles hauling trailers. Based on our observation more storage area is available at Sunset, therefore we recommend that the access to Weiler Road be open or accessible during regular business hours. The ability for vehicles to utilize both access points is expected to result in a less than significant finding for transportation safety.

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To coordinate the development of the City's project with the Caltrans Complete Streets project on Broadway/US Route 101, please contact the Caltrans Project Manager, Jeff Pimentel.

We recommend that the access to the Operations Center include accommodation for non-motorized travel. The proposed access routes may have an adequately low-stress condition suitable for a shared facility for cyclists.

An Encroachment Permit from Caltrans will be required for any work within Caltrans Right-of-Way, including utility connections and/or extensions. Applications are reviewed for consistency with State standards and are subject to Department approval. To streamline the permit application and review process, we encourage the applicant to consult with our Permit staff prior to submitting an application. Requests for permit applications can be sent to: Caltrans District 1 Permits Office, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, or requested by phone at (707) 441-5741. For additional information, the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual and Standard Application please visit: <<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>>.

Please feel free contact me with questions or for further assistance at (707) 684-6879, or by email at: <jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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