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Carey Upton

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD)

1717 Fourth Street

Santa Monica, CA 90401

RE: Roosevelt Elementary School Campus  
Project – Notice of Preparation (NOP)  
Vic. SR-1, I-10 / PM LA 36.31, LA R2.381  
SCH # 2023090499  
GTS # 07-LA-2023-04315

Dear Carey Upton:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The project proposes to renovate and modernize the existing campus to develop new and renovated facilities that would support a project-based learning approach at Roosevelt ES that would expand instructional strategies currently in place within the District and would address future learning that is flexible, adaptable, and project-centered in its delivery. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State Facilities is the SR-1 (Pacific Coast Highway) and the I-10. After reviewing the NOP, Caltrans has the following comments:

- Section 4.17-a and 4.17-c states that the project will have a “Potentially Significant Impact” to the site during project implementation. During the construction period, Caltrans recommends:
  - Work with Caltrans Office of Permits, Multi-Modal Unit, for a designated truck route for construction trucks to transport construction equipment to and from the construction sites.
  - Construction vehicles/equipment should use alternative routes to avoid congested state facilities, especially during peak hours.
  - Cover construction trucks with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto State facilities.
- Section 4.17-d states that it will have a “Potentially Significant Impact”, however the 4.17.1 Table states that it will have “Less Than Significant Impact.” Please adjust the discrepancy in the future documents.

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As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

Caltrans looks forward to reviewing the forthcoming EIR. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at [Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2023-04315.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse