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Re: SCH 2023100576 – Calle Real Campus Master Plan

Dear Mr. Ashton Ellis:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division) has reviewed the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) & Calle Real Campus Master Plan. One of the goals of the Division is to assist cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) or their equivalent, to understand and comply with the State Aeronautics Act pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), Section 21001 et seq. Caltrans encourages collaboration with our partners in the planning process and thanks you for including the Division of Aeronautics in the review of the PEIR.

The proposal is for the Calle Real Campus Master Plan. The purpose of the Calle Real Campus Master Plan is to develop a long-range vision for the future of the campus. Goals of the Calle Real Campus Master Plan include: eliminate buildings beyond their useful lives, identify departmental synergies to streamline services and maximize current vacant space. The project site is located approximately 2.8 miles of the Santa Barbara Airport.

Compliance with Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP)

Part of the proposed Project site, the Community Services Campus, is in the Airport Influence Area (Review Area 2), of the Santa Barbara Airport and therefore must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions defined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) adopted by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674. The Santa Barbara County should consider Airport Influence Area Compatibility polices stipulated in the ALUCP or Handbook.

Hazards to Flight

Compatibility concerns regarding airport obstructions and hazards to flight (such as wildlife attractants, lighting, or glare i.e., solar, etc.) should also be considered for further review upon

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site specific updates or projects. Proposed structures that exceed FAA Regulations Part 77 height criteria are subject to an Obstruction Evaluation/Airspace Analysis for determination.

Closing Statements

An ALUCP is crucial in minimizing noise nuisance and safety hazards around airports while promoting the orderly development in the vicinity of airports, as declared by the California Legislature. A responsibility of the ALUC is to assess potential risk to aircraft and persons in airspace and people occupying areas within the vicinity of the airport.

These comments reflect the areas of review by Caltrans Division of Aeronautics with respect to airport-related noise, safety, and land use planning issues. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at leana.tolentino@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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