

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT 7
100 S. MAIN STREET, MS 16
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
PHONE (213) 269-1124
FAX (213) 897-1337
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life*

December 5, 2023

Reza Bagherzadeh, Senior Project Manager
City of Oxnard Public Works Department
305 West Third Street
Oxnard, CA 93030

RE: South Oxnard Aquatics Center –
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH #2023110316
GTS #07-VEN-2023-00572
Vic. VEN-1/PM 15.11

Dear Reza Bagherzadeh,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The City of Oxnard proposes the construction of a 57,233 square foot outdoor pool area with four pool areas totaling 23,571 square feet, one slide area totaling 822 square feet, a one-story “L” shaped building totaling 18,342 square feet, and a dedicated parking area with a total of 103 parking spaces north of the aquatics center. Of the 103 spaces, five would be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, two would be both ADA compliant and allow electric vehicle (EV) parking, four would be reserved for EV parking only, and 19 would be EV capable, meaning infrastructure that would support the future installation of an EV charging station would be provided. The parking lot would be supplemented by existing parking along College Park’s one-lane ring road as well as existing adjacent parking lots within College Park.

Additionally, the proposed project would preserve existing bicycle lanes on Rose Avenue and would include installation of a new crosswalk to connect the project site with the interior of College Park. Bicycle racks would be installed at the main entry/exit point of the aquatics center and would provide space for 16 bicycles. The project site has access to Gold Coast Transit bus stops 8 and 17 along Rose Avenue, within a quarter of a mile of the project site which provides visitors alternative transportation to and from the project site.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

“Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment”

Caltrans concurs with the City of Oxnard 2030 General Plan Policy CD-1.4 in promoting the application of land use and community designs that provide residents with the opportunity for a variety of transportation choices. To assist in reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, potential Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies include transit subsidies for employees and improvements to bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure. Additional physical and programmatic elements for a plan may consist of public directions prioritizing rideshare modes, and locating information such as current maps, routes, and schedules for public transit routes within one-half mile of the project site where visitors may easily access to view on site.

It is recommended that proposed improvements to pedestrian facilities consider examples of effective physical design such as wide sidewalks, pedestrian refuge islands, and reductions in crossing distances through roadway narrowing. The provision of bicycle parking space on-site would be best supplemented with an upgraded bike lane facility near the project, as supported by the objectives of City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan Goal 2.1 which intends to make bicycling and walking integral modes of transportation in Oxnard. In providing quality services for transit-oriented and non-motorized travel, Caltrans' targets of tripling trips made by bicycle, doubling trips made by walking and public transit, and a 15% reduction in statewide VMT can be achieved through collaborative improvements to the state-wide transportation network.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-VEN-2023-00572.

Sincerely,

Frances Duong

Frances Duong
Acting LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

email: State Clearinghouse