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Re: Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Andrew Martin:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the July 2024 DEIR.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed project will construct approximately 18,083 linear feet of floodwalls, passive barriers, berms, and other improvements along Coyote Creek between Montague Expressway and Tully Road in San Jose. The project would also demolish structures such as fences and retaining walls within the project footprint. The project will also include regular maintenance and trash removal post construction. Some project areas are in vicinity of Caltrans' Right-of-Way (ROW).

Hydrology

Please ensure that any increase in storm water runoff to State Drainage Systems or Facilities be treated, contained on project site, and metered to preconstruction levels. Any floodplain impacts must be documented and mitigated. A detailed hydraulic report with 2-dimensional Hydrologic Engineering Center's River Analysis System (HEC-RAS) modelling should be submitted to Caltrans Hydraulics and Structural Hydraulics for review and approval during the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase.

Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)).

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. Coordination with the Encroachment Permits office will determine the level of complexity and oversight that will be needed to issue an Encroachment Permit. Improvements or modifications to the highway system, including access points, within the study area would need to be approved by Caltrans. Additionally, while specific details will be determined during project delivery, it is anticipated that Valley Water will be responsible for maintaining any future floodwall that encroaches on Caltrans ROW.

As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement.

The Office of Encroachment Permit requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review and circulate the permit application package. For constructing any permanent improvements within the Caltrans right of way, the applicant needs to submit TR-0416 to determine the appropriate review process Encroachment Permits Office Process (EPOP) and Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP). If the QMAP is the determined as the appropriate review process, A Project Manager will be assigned to the project to assist the applicant. When all the requirements are completed and 100% plans are ready, the Project Manager will recommend the office of Encroachment Permits issue the permit without any further review. Until TR-0416 is completed and submitted by the applicant, the Office of EP will not be able to advise the applicant. To obtain more information and download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)). Please note that the checklist TR-0416 is used to determine the appropriate Caltrans review process for encroachment projects. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Marley Mathews, Associate Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luo Yunsheng'.

YUNSHENG LUO
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c: State Clearinghouse