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Jan 19 2024**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Dear Mr. Ainechi,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bake Parkway/Jeronimo Road Intersection Improvements Project in the City of Irvine. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment.

The project consists of intersection improvements at Bake Parkway and Jeronimo Road to improve current intersection performance to an acceptable level of service and reduce traffic congestion. Regional access to the project area is provided by Interstate 5 (I-5). Caltrans is a commenting agency for this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

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1. OCTA's District 5 Bikeways Strategy Report identifies Muirlands Boulevard (which runs perpendicular to Bake Parkway and parallel to Jeronimo Road) as a bikeway corridor. The project site is approximately 2 miles from the Irvine Train Station, less than a 15 minute bicycle ride for most users.

As such, Caltrans encourages first/last mile connections to transit to reduce VMT and GHG, and strengthen the overall transportation network.

2. If Class 1 bicycle lanes are being considered for the bikeways on Jeronimo Road and Bake Parkway, please review section 1003.1 of the Caltrans Highway Design Manual at the provided link:

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/design/documents/chp1000-all.pdf>

3. If considering Class IV bikeways, consider Caltrans Design Information Bulletin 89-02 which provides bikeway guidance specific to Class IV Bikeways at the provided link:

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/design/documents/dib-89-02-final-a11y.pdf>

Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Jamoralin at (805) 732-8047 or Joseph.Jamoralin@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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