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Governor's Office of Planning &amp; Research

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Dear Mr. Luna,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Craig Homes Project in the City of Buena Park. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment.

The project proposes the development of two three-story buildings containing a total of 12 townhome-style apartments. Regional access to the project area is provided by State Route 39 (SR 39), Interstate 5 (I-5), and State Route 91 (SR 91). Caltrans is a commenting agency for this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

**Transportation Planning**

1. Caltrans encourages the City of Buena Park to provide a discussion on potentially improving multimodal transportation (walking, biking, and transit) opportunities for residents and visitors to address accessibility, safety, and environmental benefits. New development projects should also be encouraged to incorporate opportunities to support sustainable and multimodal transportation options, including, but not limited to, transit, walking, biking, shared and electric vehicles.

The improved multimodal connections to the project site can encourage residents/users to utilize alternative transportation options, thus reducing GHG emissions, congestion, and VMT.

2. Please identify all existing transit services for local and regional bus services within the vicinity of the proposed project including the connectivity to rail services from the nearest train stations provided by Metrolink and/or Amtrak Pacific Surfliner.

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Consider providing adequate wayfinding signage to nearby transit services. Connectivity of first and last mile mobility options and transit services help integrate a complete multimodal transportation network.

### **Encroachment Permit**

3. Any project work proposed in the vicinity of the State Right-of-Way (ROW) would require an encroachment permit and all environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. If the environmental documentation for the project does not meet Caltrans's requirements for work done within State ROW, additional documentation would be required before approval of the encroachment permit. Please coordinate with Caltrans to meet requirements for any work within or near State ROW. For specific details for Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to the Caltrans's Encroachment Permits Manual at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>

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](mailto:Joseph.Jamoralin@dot.ca.gov)

Sincerely,



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