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Mr. Connor Hyland
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File: LDR/CEQA
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SR-1

Dear Mr. Hyland,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Pacific Airshow Huntington Beach Project. The underlying purpose of the Project is to provide a spectacle-scale airshow in Huntington Beach that attracts attendees throughout the Southern California area (and perhaps beyond) and features civilian and military aircraft flybys and aerial acrobatics, air racing, helicopter landing/runway displays comprised of temporary acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) foundation (stadium flooring) rubber tracks, or wood or aluminum flooring, electric vehicle (EV) and drone displays with hangars and aerial competitions and drone shows, and displays of other emerging aviation/mobility technology, and visitor-serving entertainment, services, and amenities (e.g. Variety of viewing areas, vehicle and aircraft demonstrations and displays, illustrations, flight simulations, merchandise tents, concessions, food trucks, live music entertainment, wave pool surf competitions, skateboard and bicycle motocross (BMX) bowl competitions, sandcastle building competitions, art installations, and pyrotechnic shows). The approximate boundaries of the Show Center Area from northwest to southeast are 7th Street and Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1 or SR-1) to Beach Boulevard (State Route 39 or SR-39) and Pacific Coast Highway to the Pacific Ocean including a portion of the Huntington Beach Pier landward.

The mission of Caltrans is Improving lives and communities through transportation. Caltrans is a responsible agency on this project and has the following comments:

1. Continue to coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions that may be impacted with increases of vehicles along PCH and surrounding streets. Consider implementing temporary transit services such as shuttles and/or microtransit services to reduce VMT and potential impacts to air quality.

2. Coordinate with the appropriate transit operators to encourage the use of rail services and consider the first and last mile connection by providing temporary transit services directly to the event.
3. For any lane closures, traffic control sign placement, or activities occurring within State Right of Way, please submit an encroachment permit application package (EPAP) to the D12 Permit's Inbox at D12.Permits@dot.ca.gov as early as possible to avoid delays. EPAP should include application, PE signed and stamped site-specific traffic control plan, insurance, letter of authorizations as needed, and any other relevant documents. Traffic control plan should include any necessary detour plans and increased crossing guards for pedestrian crossings. If there is a proposed full lane closure of Pacific Coast Highway, liability insurance will be required, and this section would then be considered part of the event site, which requires increased police presence for crowd management. It should be noted that sidewalk vendors and alcohol consumption are not allowed with State Right of Way. Per submitted DEIR, flight activities are to be done outside of State Right of Way. If there are any changes and flight activities are proposed within State R/W, City shall comply with all requirements of Encroachment Permit Manual Section 516.9 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and Caltrans UAS Handbook.

Please continue to coordinate with Caltrans for any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maryam Molavi, at Maryam.Molavi@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Scott Shelley (Mar 27, 2025 17:05 PDT)

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