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Subject: Environmental Document Review (SCH # 2024020501)

Good morning,

The Barstow Area of the California Highway Patrol received the "Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal," of the environmental document for the proposed City of Barstow General Plan Update and Barstow International Gateway (BIG) Specific Plan for State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2024020501). The California Highway Patrol's interest in commenting, surrounds our concern for public safety, specifically traffic in the Barstow area.

The Department's concerns with the potential impact of this project could include the following: increased traffic congestion, increased hazardous materials transportation, additional enforcement demands, increased railway incidents necessitating evacuations, and increased incidents requiring emergency response during construction. Commercial truck trailer combination vehicle traffic on local roadways and freeways will increase as materials and products are transported to, and from the worksite.

This project could have a negative impact on our operations due to the increased traffic congestion, which would necessitate the need for additional traffic control measures to mitigate the potential increase in traffic crashes. We are hopeful work project operators will diligently establish, monitor, and enforce work project rules related to vehicle safety as CHP personnel work to ensure compliance with the California Vehicle Code provisions.

If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact me at the California Highway Patrol Barstow Area office at (760) 255-5900.

Thank you,
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