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Subject: RE: Environmental Document Review – SCH # 2024050220 – Due to Lead Agency by 6/6/2024

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Good Afternoon,

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) San Gorgonio Pass Area recently received a “Notice of Completion” environmental impact document regarding the Beaumont Heights Business Centre Project, State Clearinghouse (SCH) # 2024050220. The CHP is the primary agency that provides traffic law enforcement, safety, and traffic management on State Route 79 to the west of the proposed development site, located in unincorporated Riverside County. The San Gorgonio Pass Area is responsible for these functions and will be affected by the implementation of this project if the following is not addressed:

- Increased response times for emergency requests due to the increased number of tractor-trailer combination vehicles operating on State Route 79
- Proposed access points on SR-79 would need to be controlled by signal lights to manage the additional tractor-trailer combination vehicles that could operate 24 hours a day, and this is currently not addressed in the project proposal.
- State Route 79, in its current configuration near the project site, does not have adequate-width shoulders to accommodate tractor-trailer combination vehicles.
- Additional tractor-trailer combination vehicles would further degrade current congestion on State Route 79 northbound entering the Beaumont City limits and at State Route 79 at Interstate 10. As it currently stands, State Route 79 does not have enough capacity to accommodate the increase in tractor-trailer combination vehicles that the project would create.
- Current lighting on SR-79 in both directions adjacent to the project site is lacking, which could pose potentially dangerous driving conditions for the motoring public.
- California Avenue, to the west of the project site, is the only available detour, and in its current configuration, it is not able to handle increased tractor-trailer combination vehicles.
- Signage to alert the motoring public would need to be put in place due to the grade of State

Route 79 adjacent to the location of the project site to address the slow-moving tractor-trailer combination vehicles.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon,

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced Notice of Environmental Impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH) outlined in the following Web site:

[Beaumont Heights Business Centre Project \(ca.gov\)](#)

Due to the project's geographical proximity, please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local operations and public safety. **If impact is determined**, responses should be e-mailed directly to the Lead Agency with cc to SCH and myself. **If there is no impact**, please do not include SCH or the Lead Agency in your response.

For more information on the EIR review process, please check out: [Power Point Commanders EIR Training.pptx \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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