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RE: The Mayberry Parker Bridge Access  
Improvement Project  
SCH # 2024050473  
Vic. LA-134/PM R12.358  
GTS # LA-2024-04529-MND

Dear Jeff Khun:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The Mayberry Parker Bridge Access Improvement Project (Project) site encompasses approximately 0.61 acres located below and immediately to the north and south of the Colorado Street Bridge overpass of the Arroyo Seco Channel, in the northernmost portion of the Lower Arroyo Seco. The City of Pasadena Public Works Department, in coordination with the One Arroyo Foundation, proposes to: (1) provide new pedestrian access to the historic Mayberry Parker Bridge (Bridge), including placement of a steel pipe railing system onto the Bridge deck for safety and replacement a section of chain link fencing with tubular steel fencing; (2) rehabilitate existing trails to the north and south of the Bridge through stabilization (i.e., repair or replacement) of deteriorated trail segments, stairways, stone walls, and eroded slopes; and (3) provide a new high-visibility crosswalk between Desiderio Park and the Arroyo Seco at the Arroyo Boulevard and Westminster Drive intersection. The proposed Project has been designed to provide improved physical facilities and open space resources to existing users of the Lower Arroyo Seco and is not anticipated to directly increase use of the area.

The Project does not require a full traffic analysis because it will not increase the number of operational trips. Therefore, it will not conflict with Section 15064.3(b)(1) of the State CEQA Guidelines or the City's transportation plans and policies. As a result, there will be no impact, and no mitigation is needed.

The Project will modify an existing public roadway by adding a pedestrian crosswalk between Desiderio Park and the Arroyo Seco. Specifically, a high-visibility crosswalk with a rectangular rapid-flashing beacon will be installed across the north leg of South Arroyo Boulevard at Westminster Drive. The crosswalk will be striped according to current safety codes, and an ADA-compliant ramp with truncated domes and colored concrete paving will be added on the west side of Arroyo Drive to formalize the existing trailhead into the Arroyo Seco. Additionally, the north-south crosswalk on Westminster Drive will be striped to meet current safety standards.

The City of Pasadena Department of Transportation (PDOT) issued a Traffic Engineering Report on May 4, 2023, recommending the installation of the high-visibility crosswalk. The report indicated that the crosswalk meets pedestrian volume guidelines, connects two pedestrian generators (the Arroyo Seco Trailhead and Desiderio Park), and helps guide the public to the Arroyo Seco Trailhead entrance (PDOT 2023).

The operation of the Project will be essentially the same as the existing condition, with improvements focused on safety and access into and within the Arroyo Seco. Therefore, the Project will not increase hazards due to geometric design features or incompatible uses. There will be no impact, and no mitigation is required.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which require use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. Truck drivers should cover construction trucks with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto the State Highway.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin, the project coordinator, at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2024-04529-MND.

Sincerely,

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