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Hope Atmore, Assistant General Manager
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Re: Granada Community Park and Recreation Center Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Hope Atmore:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Granada Community Park and Recreation Center Project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the May 2024 Draft MND.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed project will develop a new 7.72-acre park on the site for recreational uses, which would include active and passive recreational zones, walking paths, fitness stations, park restrooms, outdoor showers, a dog park, small and large group picnic areas, kids' play structures, skate ramp and related skate feature, parking areas, and a renovated and expanded community recreation center. The proposed walking trails will direct pedestrians to the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Coronado Street and State Route (SR)-1, providing access to San Mateo County's Midcoast Multi-Modal Trail, parallel to SR-1 to the south, and to Surfer's Beach and the California Coastal Trail to the west. The project will also install wayfinding signage and renovate and enhance two existing onsite drainage channels and expand and improve onsite vegetation. The project site is located directly adjacent to SR-1.

Travel Demand Analysis

With the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 743, Caltrans is focused on maximizing efficient development patterns, innovative travel demand reduction strategies, and multimodal improvements. For more information on how Caltrans assesses Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis for land use projects, please review Caltrans' Transportation Impact Study Guide ([link](#)).

The project VMT analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory. Per the IS/MND, this project is found to have a less than significant VMT impact, therefore working towards meeting the State's VMT reduction goals.

Pedestrian and Bicycle

This project may affect pedestrian and bicycle transportation along SR-1 as the project site is immediately adjacent to the northbound side of SR-1. Proposed walking trails will direct pedestrians to the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Coronado Street and SR-1.

Given the likelihood of pedestrians crossing Obispo Rd and Alhambra Rd to access the park, please consider adding additional signs, markings, and other enhancements to increase motorist yield rates for pedestrians. Regarding the design of the provided Park Plan in Appendix A, please consider widening and paving the road shoulders on Obispo Rd and restriping to create additional dedicated space for pedestrians and cyclists. Please also consider whether additional bike parking is appropriate.

Hydrology

With the increase of impervious areas, please demonstrate that there will not be any increase in ditch velocities for both ditches and/or flow that enters the State Right of Way (ROW). Please specify how the onsite widened ditches will conform to existing State ditches and verify that there will not be an increase in velocity that may cause erosion when possibly conforming a larger ditch into a smaller existing ditch.

For future design phase review, the submittal should include watershed maps for existing and proposed conditions as well as plans, details, and calculations to show that the proposed widened ditches will not adversely impact the integrity of existing ditches.

Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)).

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the Granada Community Services District is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement.

The checklist TR-0416 ([link](#)) is used to determine the appropriate Caltrans review process for encroachment projects. The Office of Encroachment Permit requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review and circulate the permit application package. To obtain more information and download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)). Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Luana Chen, Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luo" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Yunsheng".

YUNSHENG LUO
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c: State Clearinghouse