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Amendments to the City of Coronado Historic Preservation Program
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Dear Ms. Campos:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the Amendments to the City of Coronado Historic Preservation Program near State Routes 75 and 282 (SR-52, SR-282) in Coronado. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Safety is one of Caltrans' strategic goals. Caltrans strives to make the year 2050 the first year without a single death or serious injury on California's roads. We are striving for more equitable outcomes for the transportation network's diverse users. To achieve these ambitious goals, we will pursue meaningful collaboration with our partners. We encourage the implementation of new technologies, innovations, and best practices that will enhance the safety on the transportation network. These pursuits are both ambitious and urgent, and their accomplishment involves a focused departure from the status quo as we continue to institutionalize safety in all our work.

Caltrans is committed to prioritizing projects that are equitable and provide meaningful benefits to historically underserved communities, to ultimately improve transportation accessibility and quality of life for people in the communities we serve.

We look forward to working with the City of Coronado in areas where the City and Caltrans have joint jurisdiction to improve the transportation network and connections

between various modes of travel, with the goal of improving the experience of those who use the transportation system.

Caltrans has the following comments:

In January 2021, Caltrans submitted the *First Supplemental Historical Resources Evaluation Report for the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge Suicide Deterrent Project* (January 2021) to State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to determine the eligibility of the Toll Plaza and Administration Building, as well as to determine the character defining features of the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge. Caltrans received SHPO's concurrence (January 25, 2021) on the newly defined San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge Historic District and the character-defining features of the Historic District, as listed below:

The contributing elements of the Historic District include the following:

- San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge
- San Diego (East) Approach Connectors
- Toll Plaza Zipper
- San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge Toll Collection Structure (Wing)
- Caltrans Administration Building and Parking Lots
- Landscape Elements (Toll Plaza Plantings)
- Flagpoles
- Caltrans Storage Yard

Also included are the specifics for the Toll Plaza, which appears to be within the Study Area for the current City of Coronado's *Amendments to the City of Coronado Historic Preservation Program*.

Toll Plaza:

- Most Significant
- Zipper
- Winged Canopy
- Administration Building
- Significant
- Landscape
- General paving type
- Historic Fabric (not character-defining features)
- Flagpoles
- Storage Yard
- Parking Lots

We would like to confirm that the City of Coronado has a copy of the *First Supplemental Historical Resources Evaluation Report for the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge Suicide Deterrent Project* (January 2021), as it has more detailed information about the Toll Plaza area that appears to overlap with the City's proposed *Amendments to the City of Coronado Historic Preservation Program*. If not, we will gladly forward a copy to the appropriate person(s), for the City's future reference.

The Coronado Bridge and its Toll Booth area have been reevaluated and both are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources. If the City of Coronado is aware of that and/or have the documents detailing the character defining features of that Historic District (which will affect their plans for the Gateway project if it comes back).

Right-of-Way

- Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.
- Any work performed within Caltrans' R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction.

Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by visiting the website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>. Projects with the following:

- require a Caltrans Encroachment Permit.
- have completed the Caltrans Local Development Review (LDR) process.
- have an approved environmental document.

are to submit documents for Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP) process via email to D11.QMAP.Permits@dot.ca.gov. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark McCumsey, LDR Coordinator, at (619) 985-4957 or by e-mail sent to mark.mccumsey@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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