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RE: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE SCH# 2024061001

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Fresno Area was requested to review and assess the State Route 168 Enterprise Canal Pedestrian Overcrossing Project, for any potential impact to local Area operations and public safety. After review, there are concerns with the potential impact this project could have on traffic congestion, response time for calls for service, and the safe and legal operation of heavy trucks in the general area of State Route 168 and Temperance Avenue.

After review of the provided documents, the concerns relate to the proposed construction of building a bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing, located on State Route 168, east of North Temperance Avenue and south of Owens Mountain Parkway in Clovis, California. The CHP's interest in commenting surrounds the concern for the safe and legal operation of heavy trucks. Heavy trucks on local roadways and freeways will increase as materials and products are transported to, and from the area. We are hopeful engineers and supervisors on scene of the project will monitor and enforce site rules related to vehicle safety as CHP personnel work to assure compliance with California Vehicle Code provisions.

Response times for calls for service may increase due to the closure of State Route 168 and Toll House Road. CHP and other emergency personnel would be required to use alternate routes of Temperance Avenue and Herndon Avenue for any calls for service east of the closure. Combined with the increased traffic congestion associated with a freeway closure, utilizing the alternate routes could extend response time. This project could have an impact on local Area operations due to the increased traffic congestion from the closure of traffic lanes, which could necessitate the need for additional traffic control measures to mitigate the potential increase in crashes within our jurisdiction.

Also, other concerns are Temperance Avenue, Tollhouse Road and Shepherd Avenue are not a designated truck route. The roundabout located at Temperance Avenue and Owens Mountain Parkway has two designated lanes, but trucks may need to use both to continue North on the proposed detour. The Area request Caltrans to determine if the bridge over Enterprise Canal on Tollhouse Road is suitable for heavy trucks.



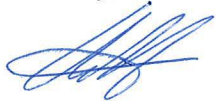
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If you have any questions, or if you need additional information, please contact the California Highway Patrol, Sergeant Miguel Andrade, ID 19145, at (559) 705-2200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Matulonis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. MATULONIS, Captain  
Commander

Enclosure

cc: Central Division