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RE: Bowtie Park Development Project –  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH #2024061129  
GTS #07-LA-2024-04567  
LA-2 PM 15.77

Dear Luke Serna,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Proposed Project would include a park entry and internal vehicular access road, parking spaces, internal maintenance road, welcoming kiosk with restrooms, vista points facing the Los Angeles River, native collection garden, event space, internal multi-use trails, open turf areas, picnic locations, and seating benches. The Project is in an urbanized area on a parcel which contains no structures. Industrial buildings border the parcel on the north and an elevated railroad track and at-grade service road border the parcel on the east. To the west is the Los Angeles River. The surrounding area is characterized by industrial and residential uses.

Vehicular access would be provided from the existing entrance at Kerr Street, near the northwest end of the Project Area. The Project would provide 35 automobile parking spaces and two bus parking spaces in the northwest end of the Project Area. The Initial Study estimates that the Project would add between 12 and 98 net daily vehicle trips to the local street system on a typical weekday.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans concurs with the Project's objective to create a cohesive link for pedestrians and bicyclists along the Los Angeles River. If surface parking must be built, it is recommended

that it does not face the street directly. More streetscapes that encourage recreational walking and transit can be produced when active frontage is against the sidewalk and parking is shifted to the rear or interior of the site. We encourage the Lead Agency to strengthen pedestrian networks with robust signage at the Project Site during construction and provide sufficient pedestrian level lighting throughout operation to prioritize pedestrian safety and minimize collision with vehicles.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends limiting construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review. We look forward to the coordination of our efforts to ensure potential impacts to the highway facilities and traveling public are discussed and addressed before work begins.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Frances Duong, at [frances.duong@dot.ca.gov](mailto:frances.duong@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04567.

Sincerely,



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