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RE: Jordan High School and Aquatics
Center (MND)
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04570
SCH # 2024070162
Vic. LA 91 PM 12.135
LA 710 PM 12.874

Dear Bernice Ngo:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Project proposes to construct a new aquatic center and gymnasium building. The new gymnasium building will be located on the south side of the existing football and track and field, and covers an area of approximately 65,000 square feet. The building will include a competition gymnasium, practice gymnasium, weight room, wrestling room, dance room, fitness room, trainer room, offices, 4 team rooms, locker rooms, restroom and other ancillary spaces such as storage and custodial rooms. The proposed aquatic center will be located immediately on the western side of the gymnasium building and will consist of an outdoor competition swimming pool, restrooms, a team room, one pool equipment building, a one-story ticket/storage building and sport lighting. One set of new aluminum bleachers will be located in the most western portion of the aquatic center. Other improvements at the site will include a concrete pool deck, a scoreboard, four (4) stadium lights, concrete and asphalt hardscaped areas, low site walls and new utility lines. The entire aquatic center will have CMU perimeter walls. The Long Beach Unified School District is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facilities are SR 91, and SR 710. After reviewing the project's documents, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans aims to reach zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050 as there is a direct link between impact speeds and the likelihood of fatality or serious injury. To reach this goal, Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist facilities along existing bikeways on Atlantic Ave, E Artesia Blvd, and Myrtle Ave.

The most effective methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles are through physical design and geometrics. Caltrans recommends the following multimodal improvements for this project:

- These methods include constructing physically separated facilities such as ADA compliance, Class IV bikeways, wide sidewalks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, landscaping, street furniture, and reductions in crossing distances through roadway narrowing.
- Visual indicators such as pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage, and striping should be used in addition to physical design improvements to indicate to motorists that they can expect to see and yield to people walking or riding bikes.

Caltrans will require an Encroachment Permit for work performed within the State Right-of-way. Caltrans recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. Caltrans requires a permit for any heavy construction equipment and or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways. 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2024-04570.

Sincerely,



Anthony Higgins
Acting LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: State Clearinghouse