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RE: Stadium and Athletics Sports Complex
Project: Notice of Preparation (NOP) of
an Environmental Impact Report
SCH# 2024081424
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04617
Vic. SR 405 PM 3.364

Dear Jeff Connell:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Proposed Project includes construction of a new state-of-the-art Stadium & Athletic Sports Complex (SASC) on an approximately 18-acre site. The SASC would include approximately 180,000 square-feet of new construction, covering a portion of Parking Lot M, west of the Veterans Memorial Stadium. The existing Veterans Memorial Stadium will be demolished as part of the Proposed Project, which will include 40,783 square-feet of demolition. The SASC will be used by campus students and staff, and the current events are expected to continue at the new facility. The proposed capacity of the Stadium portion of the SASC will be approximately 10,000 seats, while the proposed Arena will be approximately 2,500 seats. Long Beach Community College District is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is I-405. 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 improve pedestrian and bicyclist amenities in community destinations. These improvements can be made along Faculty

Ave, E Lew Davis St., and Clark Ave, providing a greater connection with the Long Beach City College campus and the surrounding land uses.

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:

- Physically separated facilities such as Class 4 protected bike lane, 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.
- Reducing parking whenever possible. Research looking at the relationship between land-use, parking, and transportation indicates that the amount of car parking supplied can undermine a city's ability to encourage public transit and active modes of transportation.
- Providing high quality transit infrastructure. Enhancing the existing stops along E Lew Davis St., and Clark Ave can reduce car reliance and overall parking demand.
- Environmental considerations such as canopy trees, bioswales and incorporating permeable paving surfaces wherever possible to manage stormwater, replenish groundwater, and prevent pollution runoff.

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-2024-04617.

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Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse