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RE: Stadium & Athletic Sports Complex
Project - DEIR
Vic. LA-405/3.364
SCH # 2024081424
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04749

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. The City of Whoville is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest state facility is the I-405. After reviewing the DEIR, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans supports pedestrian-oriented plans that help achieve state planning priorities contained in state law and meet state policy goals on transportation, VMT reduction, GHG emissions reduction, and/or betterment of the environment and human health. To achieve the goal of zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050, Caltrans emphasizes the importance of enhancing pedestrian and bicyclist amenities in community destinations.

The project scope of the DEIR lists several site improvements including protected bike facilities, widened sidewalks and landscape/streetscape features to encourage more comfortable travel. However, the Site Plan in Figure 3 does not note these improvements. Caltrans recommends a subsequent plan submittal including these features for detailed review and to provide further comments. This project has an opportunity to introduce complete streets features that will benefit not only the new sports complex, but to the college's Liberal Arts Campus.

Caltrans also recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. A permit for any heavy construction equipment and or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways. Any work performed within State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing potential impacts for Caltrans for 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-2024-04749.

Sincerely,



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