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RE: Rosemead Adult Education and  
Transition Center– Negative Declaration  
(ND)  
SCH #2024090467  
GTS #07-LA-2024-04627  
Vic. LA 164/PM 6.27

Dear Norma Macias,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Lead Agency proposes the modernization and expansion of the existing adult education facilities at the Rosemead Adult Education and Transition Center to provide additional educational opportunities, including approximately 20,000 square feet of newly constructed education space, as well as modernize and update the existing 2-story facility to current safety and American Disability Access (ADA) standards.

After reviewing the ND, Caltrans has the following comments:

As found in the Initial Study, the Proposed Project Site Plan details that Parking Lot #1 and #2 will be kept, while Parking Lot #3 will be part of the new adult education facility. Caltrans concurs with the decision to renovate the undeveloped parking lot into an additional building that will provide new classrooms for the school campus. Existing Parking Lots #1 and #2 will be repaved and restriped to provide a total of 141 parking stalls. The Initial Study states that a revised drop-off location will be provided, along with a new designated on-site path of travel. After examining the Proposed Project Site Plan, Caltrans requests the addition of further details for the design of the revised drop-off location and the new on-site path to better assess impacts to the pedestrian network and other road users. Caltrans would also like to clarify whether the Project intends to

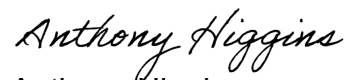
renovate or retain the on-site student pickup and drop-off area with access from Newby Avenue and Bentel Avenue that the Initial Study references.

With regard to bike and pedestrian infrastructure, Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to coordinate with the City of Rosemead to improve the uncontrolled crosswalk across the north leg of the Rosemead Boulevard and Bentel Avenue intersection. Suggested design improvements include changing the existing striping to continental style with advance yield markings, and opting between a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) to enhance the striping. For additional safety and mobility consideration, Caltrans recommends installing an ADA-compliant curb ramp on the west side of the existing crosswalk at Rosemead Boulevard and Bentel Avenue. Lastly, it would be greatly beneficial to include bike racks/storage for multimodal site visitors who commute via transit with their bicycles.

As a reminder, 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 and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04627.

Sincerely,



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Cc: State Clearinghouse