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Yorba Linda, CA. 92821

File: LDR/CEQA  
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Dear Mr. Yee,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Yorba Linda Boulevard Improvements Project. The City of Yorba Linda, as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is proposing roadway improvements at the intersections of Yorba Linda Boulevard with Imperial Highway and Lakeview Avenue that would address the existing and future congestion and operation at these intersections. The proposed project would widen Yorba Linda Boulevard to accommodate additional and extended turn lanes. The proposed project would also include improvements such as traffic signal modifications, utility relocations, retaining wall construction, grading, curb ramps, and landscaping.

The Yorba Linda Boulevard Improvements Project – from Imperial Highway to Lakeview Avenue is located along Yorba Linda Boulevard from its intersection with Imperial Highway to its intersection with Lakeview Avenue in the City of Yorba Linda, Orange County, California. The project limits measure approximately 0.28 mile along Yorba Linda Boulevard east of Park Avenue and west of Avocado Avenue.

State Route 90 is both owned and operated by Caltrans. Therefore, Caltrans is a responsible agency on this project, and has the following comments:

"Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment"

1. Please continue to coordinate with OCTA throughout the lifetime of the Project. It will be necessary to notify OCTA in the event of any unforeseen impacts to transit service operations.
2. The proposed project is located near a Class II bike lane to the north on Bastanchury Road, as well as the El Cajon Trail. Caltrans encourages the design of Complete Streets that include high-quality pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities that are safe and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities. Improvements may include providing secure bicycle parking, pedestrian-oriented LED lighting, and comfortable connections to nearby active transportation and/or transit facilities. Complete Streets improvements also promote regional connectivity, improve air quality, reduce congestion, promote improved first-/last-mile connections, and increase safety for all modes of transportation.
3. Consider relocating utility boxes on the Southeast corner of Yorba Linda and Imperial to allow room for wheelchairs, strollers, and other kinds of pedestrians to traverse the pedestrian walkway. If there is enough space, and/or utility poles and boxes cannot be moved, consider expanding the width of the pedestrian walkway instead.
4. Consider adding ADA compliant directional curb ramps with truncated domes and high visibility crosswalks at the intersections of Yorba Linda Blvd. and Lakeview Ave. and Imperial Highway. This will improve safety for all users.
5. Consider adding one pedestrian scale lighting along sidewalks within the project limits to improve pedestrian safety.
6. Any work performed within Caltrans right-of-way (R/W) will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans R/W prior to construction. Prior to submitting to Caltrans Permit's branch, applicant should fill out Applicant's Checklist to Determine Applicable Review Process (QMAP List) Form TR-0416 to determine if project oversight/coordination with Caltrans Project Manager is needed. Applicant must submit a signed Standard Encroachment Permit application form TR-0100 along with a deposit payable to Caltrans. Deposit amount will be dependent on when the application is submitted. Public

corporations are legally exempt from encroachment permit fees. However, contractors working for public corporations are not exempt from fees. Please note that all utility work should be disclosed prior to permit submittal, and utility companies are to apply for separate permits for their corresponding work.

Caltrans' mission is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Please continue to coordinate with Caltrans for any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Lugaro at [Julie.lugaro@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Julie.lugaro@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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# Yorba Linda Blvd. Improvement Project

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