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Date: November 18, 2024

To: California Department of Transportation  
District 7  
100 South Main Street, Suite 100 MS16A  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Senior Environmental Scientist Karl Price

From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
Southern Division

File No.: 501.15180.17853

Subject: INPUT AND CONCERNS- SCH #2024100896

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Southern Division reviewed the Notice of Environmental Impact documents from the State Clearinghouse, related to the SR-14 North Los Angeles County Safety & Mobility Improvements Project. Commanders from the impacted CHP Areas commented on their various concerns for the project.

The CHP's interest in commenting primarily surrounds the proposed locations of the "Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)," specifically Metro Rapid Transit buses being permitted to travel on the hard shoulder during peak traffic periods. There is a concern traffic safety would negatively be impacted by way of potential collisions with stopped vehicles or vehicles yielding to the right shoulder for emergency purposes. Safety concerns also surround an elevated danger to CHP and other emergency personnel, which rely on the available right shoulder to perform their duties during emergency incidents. Additionally, in the event the driver of a Rapid Transit Bus encounters a road hazard on the proposed hardened right shoulder, the bus would be forced to attempt entry into the mainline to avoid significant delays. However, there are no concerns with the proposed creation of the BRT in the center median or left-most lane without the loss of any existing traffic lanes.

A concern also arose with the proposed removal of a General Purpose Lane increasing congestion as a result of reduced roadway capacity.

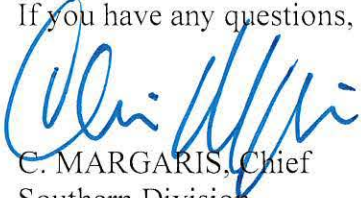


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If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Matthew Marien at (818) 240-8200.

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C. MARGARIS, Chief  
Southern Division

cc: Special Projects Section

**M e m o r a n d u m**

Date: November 13, 2024

To: Southern Division

From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
Special Projects Section

File No.: 063.A10212.A20019.NoP.Doc

Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE  
SCH# 2024100896

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced Notice of Preparation environmental impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH).

Please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local Area operations and public safety. If it is determined that departmental input is advisable, your written comments referencing the above SCH number must be sent to the lead agency and emailed to [state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov](mailto:state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov). Your written comments must be received by SCH no later than **December 4, 2024**. For reference, additional information can be found in General Order 41.2, Environmental Impact Documents.

For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of the assessment of the project (including negative reports). Please email a copy of the response to [EIR@chp.ca.gov](mailto:EIR@chp.ca.gov). For questions or concerns, please contact the Transportation Planning Unit at (916) 843-3370.

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L. NARVAEZ, SSM III  
Commander

Attachments: Checklist  
Project File



**Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613  
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

**SCH # 2024100896**

**Project Title:** SR-14 North Los Angeles County Safety & Mobility Improvements Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Contact Person: Karl Price  
 Mailing Address: 100 S. Main Street, MS 16A Phone: 213-266-3822  
 City: Los Angeles Zip: 90012 County: Los Angeles

**Project Location:** County: Los Angeles City/Nearest Community: City of Santa Clarita/Unincorporated Los Angeles County  
 Cross Streets: Interstate 5 / Pearblossom Highway Zip Code: Various  
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): \_\_\_\_\_ " N / \_\_\_\_\_ " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 14 Waterways: Santa Clara River  
 Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: Metrolink Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mit Neg Dec Other: \_\_\_\_\_  FONSI

**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: Transportation

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type Safety Enhancements  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: Cultural, Equity, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Tribal

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), in cooperation with the North County Transportation Coalition (NCTC), and with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as the CEQA/NEPA lead agency, is formally initiating studies for safety improvements to State Route 14. The proposed project which would construct improvements that may include but are not limited to, widening to accommodate a standard lane at existing lane drop locations, bus rapid transit dedicated bus lanes, Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management components, removal of lanes at lane drop locations, other safety enhancements, truck climbing and descending lanes, drainage improvements, and wildlife/habitat connectivity enhancements from postmiles R25.00/R54.60. See attached Notice of Preparation.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X". If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of             | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 7               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 4                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board          | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy             | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board                           | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy                       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of                     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB; Clean Water Grants                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB; Water Quality                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                              | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB; Water Rights                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # 5              | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of              | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of    | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of                 | Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission |  |

**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date October 21, 2024 Ending Date December 4, 2024

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: <u>HNTB</u>	Applicant: <u>Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)</u>
Address: <u>777 S. Figueroa Street Suite 2300</u>	Address: <u>1 Gateway Plaza</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Los Angeles, CA 90017</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Los Angeles, CA 90012</u>
Contact: <u>Christina Maxwell</u>	Phone: <u>(213) 418-3467</u>
Phone: <u>(213) 337-2116</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Karl Price

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Date: 2024.10.17 16:19:26 -0700

Date: 10/17/2024

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.