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RE: Altadena Main Library Renovation
Project– Notice of Preparation (NOP)
SCH #2024120781
GTS #07-LA-2024-04713
LA-210/PM 23.2

Dear Sean Donnelly,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Project proposes an expansion of the Altadena Main Library's footprint approximately 700 square feet, interior space reconfigurations, access improvements, seismic retrofit, and replacement of aged building infrastructure to address mechanical (elevator and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning [HVAC]), plumbing (including additional and accessible restrooms), and electrical and structural elements of the facility. Implementation of the Proposed Project involves expansion of the existing building, interior upgrades, outdoor functional areas, access and landscaping improvements, bicycle parking as well as other various improvements. The existing parking lot consists of 50 parking spaces, two of which are handicapped accessible.

After reviewing the NOP, Caltrans has the following comments:

The Project is shown to have a less than significant impact on a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Caltrans supports the Project and looks forward to strengthening active transportation networks in Altadena, especially as the Los Angeles County Bicycle Master Plan is finalized.

In the Initial Study, Caltrans would like to confirm the number of parking spaces proposed in Figure 2: Altadena Main Library Renov CEQA Site Plan to best assess the Project's

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design elements. Additionally, please confirm the number of ADA-compliant parking spaces.

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-2024-04713.

Sincerely,



Anthony Higgins
Acting LDR Branch Chief

Cc: State Clearinghouse