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Re: Electronic Sign on City-owned Property Project - Willow Street Billboard Site – Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Cort Hitchens:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Electronic Sign on City-owned Property Project - Willow Street Billboard Site project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the February 2025 draft MND.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position or approval by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed project includes the construction of a double-sided electronic billboard at the northeast corner of State Route 87 (SR 87) and Willow Street. The proposed sign would be visible to travelers along SR-87.

Outdoor Advertising (ODA)

For proposed outdoor advertising displays that are intended to operate as revenue generating off-premises displays, please contact the Caltrans ODA Program at ODA@dot.ca.gov or at (916) 654-6473 for ODA Preliminary Determinations and Permit Application forms and requirements. Outdoor advertising displays are prohibited on properties, rights-of-way, or easements that have been laid out or intended for the public passage of vehicles or persons, such as, sidewalks or city streets.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Marley Mathews, Associate Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luo" being more prominent and the last name "Yunsheng" following in a similar style.

YUNSHENG LUO
Branch Chief, Local Development Review
Office of Regional and Community Planning

c: State Clearinghouse