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The California Highway Patrol (CHP) received the "Notice of Completion" environmental document for the Pismo Congestion Relief Pilot Project, **SCH #2017091065**. The CHP provides traffic law enforcement in unincorporated San Luis Obispo County. As a result of this project, we anticipate local CHP operations will be impacted.

Presently, US 101 cannot efficiently manage existing traffic volumes during peak times. The CHP welcomes the construction of an additional lane of travel at the project location. However, the part-time designation of the travel lane raises safety concerns. Given the lane weaving which occurs (*as mentioned in the report*), and tourist unfamiliarity with the area, the installation of lane use signals at 2,300 foot-intervals may be insufficient to properly protect against errant drivers. Although eliminated from discussion, the addition of a third general-purpose *full-time* travel lane, or a high-occupancy vehicle lane, would eliminate the potential for any travel lane versus shoulder confusion created by the current proposal.

The CHP San Luis Obispo Area looks forward to the implementation of traffic mitigation measures at the project location and has the utmost concern for motorist safety on the updated roadway. If you have any questions regarding these suggestions, please contact Sergeant Tim Santoro at (805) 594-8700.

Sincerely,

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cc: Statewide Clearinghouse, California Highway Patrol

