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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Mission 316 West Specific Plan
SCH# 2019029038 – Draft Environmental Impact Report

To whom it may concern:

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over railroad and light rail transit crossings (rail crossings) in California. CPUC staff works to ensure that rail crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained.

CPUC staff recently received the Notice of Completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) prepared by the City of San Marcos. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch reviewed the location of the proposed project. Please consider the comments below regarding rail crossings.

- There are rail crossings near the proposed project.
- The closest rail crossing is along San Marcos Blvd. (CPUC# 106E-116.49 / DOT # 027578V). The intersection of Mission Road and San Marcos Boulevard/Woodward Street is located adjacent to the rail crossing.
- Additional pedestrian or vehicular traffic related to this project should be considered in regard to safety at the rail crossings.
- Driveways should be located as far as possible from the intersection and rail crossing. Currently, a property access point (sidewalk curb cut) appears to be present along the east side of Woodward Street, just north of Mission Road.
- Consider installing a raised median along Woodward Street extending at least 100 feet north of Mission Road.
- Railroad preemption operation should be reviewed. Traffic signal timing for pedestrian movements as well as vehicles should be considered in detail.

The construction or modification of public rail crossings requires authorization from the CPUC. Please contact Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch to discuss potential safety impacts or concerns at crossings. More information can be found at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at kevin.schumacher@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 310-9807.

Sincerely,



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