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The California Highway Patrol (CHP) recently received the "Notice of Completion" environmental document for the Froom Ranch Development project, SCH #2017071033. The CHP is the primary agency which provides traffic law enforcement and management services within the unincorporated portions of San Luis Obispo County. As a result of this project, we anticipate local CHP operations will be impacted.

The site is currently unincorporated in San Luis Obispo County (County), but is located within the City's adopted Sphere of Influence immediately southwest of the City limits and adjacent to Los Osos Valley Road (LOVR) between Calle Joaquin and Irish Hills Plaza. The Project site is primarily undeveloped and used for agriculture (horse grazing) and stormwater management but contains historic farming structures, a construction office, and a permitted, but inactive red rock quarry in the northwestern portion used for construction materials storage.

The Froom Ranch site will likely draw numerous travelers to include tour buses and heavy trucks. The increased traffic to the area will be accompanied by changes in traffic congestion patterns as well as an increase in traffic collisions. With the current configuration, this project would exacerbate existing queuing during peak hour traffic for vehicles exiting southbound US 101 at LOVR causing rear end type crashes.

On page ES 114, of the EIR, it was determined impacts to traffic and transportation upon implementation of this Project would consist of delays and/or exceedance of intersection capacities, resulting in poor levels of service for automobiles, pedestrians and bicycle modes of transportation. More specifically, Project generated traffic would cause exceedance of intersection capacities at various intersections requiring completion of the Prado Road Overpass/Interchange project. Although the Project would implement mitigation measures, as no County or Caltrans program for improvements is currently adopted, impacts would be significant and unavoidable.



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The San Luis Obispo Area is comprised of 34 field officers and a shared communications center located in the Area office which services four geographically separate Area offices on the central coast. This project could have a negative impact on our operations due to the increased traffic congestion, necessitating the need for additional traffic control measures to mitigate the potential increase in traffic collisions and additional enforcement demands.

If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact Sergeant Tim Santoro at (805) 594-8700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M.A. Bueno".

M.A. BUENO, Captain
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San Luis Obispo Area