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RE: Long Range Development Plan Mt. San
Antonio College 2018 Educational and
Facilities Master Plan
SCH# 2018091004
GTS# 07-LA-2018-02406
Vic. LA-10/ PM 40.106
Vic. LA-57/ PM 5.085

Dear Ms. Klein:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Mt. San Antonio College 2018 Educational and Facilities Master Plan and associated 2017 Parking and Circulation Master Plan (EFMP) is the College's long-range development plan and also serves as the foundation for other components of the College's integrated planning process. Among other purposes, the EFMP projects Mt. SAC's overall growth and the growth of programs and services during the planning horizon and develops recommendations for site and facilities improvements that are informed by educational planning. The plan would involve construction of approximately 10 new major buildings/facilities, the removal/demolition of 33 aged or temporary facilities, major renovations, minor new construction and renovation projects, and campus-wide site and infrastructure projects. Additionally, the project will analyze the construction and operation of certain projects implementing the EFMP at a project-specific level. These projects may include: the Student Center, the Bookstore, Parking Structure R and Tennis Courts, Parking Structure S, Sand Volleyball Courts, and a replacement Communication Tower at Reservoir Hill.

As Caltrans continues to strive to improve its standards and processes to provide flexibility while maintaining safety and integrity of the State's transportation system. It is our goal to implement strategies that are in keeping with our mission statement, which is to "provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability." After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) for the Long Range Development

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Plan Mt. San Antonio College 2018 Educational and Facilities Master Plan (EFMP), Caltrans has the following comments:

The proposed EFMP identifies the framework for the uses and development on campus, specifically, 13 physical development projects near state facilities, State Route 57 (SR-57) and State Route 60 (SR-60). After reviewing the EFMP's Traffic Impact Analysis, SR-57 and SR-60 were deemed to have insignificant impact. However, based on field reviews conducted on May 9, 2019 and May 17, 2019 to observe AM/PM peak hour volume and ramp storage capacity (queuing), we have the following comments:

- Intersection 14:
 - Please provide conflict analysis (queue analysis) at southbound SR-57 off-ramp to Temple Avenue. Based on field observation, we believe that increased vehicular trip travel to this off-ramp during PM peak hours would significantly impact the off-ramp storage capacity and would create additional queuing and vehicle displacement issue.

- Intersection 28:
 - Due to the SR-57/SR-60 Confluence project, which proposes to realign eastbound SR-60 ramps at Grand Avenue, please re-evaluate Traffic movement counts at SR-60 off-ramp to Grand Avenue.

Caltrans acknowledges the Lead Agency's consideration of fair share contributions and multimodal and regional transit improvements to fully mitigate cumulative impacts to regional transportation, thereby reducing VMT. As referenced in our letter responding to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the DEIR dated October 4, 2019, we encourage the Lead Agency to not only consider the reduction of VMT, but also, the reduction of vehicle speeds in order to benefit pedestrian and bicyclist safety, as there is a direct link between impact speeds and the likelihood of fatality.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles of State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

We look forward to your cooperation and reviewing any proceeding documents related to this project. If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Mr. Carlo Ramirez, at carlo.ramirez@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2018-02406.

Sincerely,



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