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Brown Field Municipal Airport EIR  
NOP/SCH#2019029037

Ms. Rebecca Malone  
City of San Diego  
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Dear Ms. Rebecca Malone:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the preparation of the Brown Field Municipal Airport Master Plan EIR located near State Route (SR-905). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Caltrans has the following comments:

### Traffic Impact Study

A traffic impact study (TIS) is necessary to determine this proposed project's near-term and long-term impacts to the State facilities – existing and proposed – and to propose appropriate mitigation measures.

- Please include ramp intersections at SR-905/ La Media Road and SR-905/ Britannia Boulevard. The geographic area examined in the TIS should also include, at a minimum, all regionally significant arterial system segments and intersections, including State highway facilities where the project will add over 100 peak hour trips. State highway facilities that are experiencing noticeable delays should be analyzed in the scope of the traffic study for projects that add 50 to 100 peak hour trips.
- A focused analysis may be required for project trips assigned to a State highway facility that is experiencing significant delay, such as where traffic queues exceed ramp storage capacity.

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- In addition, the TIS could also consider implementing vehicles miles traveled (VMT) analysis into their modeling projections.
- Any increase in goods movement operations and its impacts to State highway facilities should be addressed in the TIS.
- The data used in the TIS should not be more than 2 years old.

### **Complete Streets and Mobility Network**

Caltrans views all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in California and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system. Caltrans supports improved transit accommodation through the provision of Park and Ride facilities, improved bicycle and pedestrian access and safety improvements, signal prioritization for transit, bus on shoulders, ramp improvements, or other enhancements that promotes a complete and integrated transportation system. Early coordination with Caltrans, in locations that may affect both Caltrans and the City of San Diego, is encouraged.

The outside shoulders of SR-125 between Birch Road and Otay Mesa Road are opened to bicycle travel. Otay Mesa Road as well as segments of La Media, Britannia, and Semper Viva Roads have segments of either Class II or Class III bikeways. Several regional bus routes that serve this area have bus service throughout Otay Mesa, as well. Caltrans encourages the continued support of integrating access to these facilities during the development of this project.

### **Mitigation**

Caltrans endeavors that any direct and cumulative impacts to the State Highway System be eliminated or reduced to a level of insignificance pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) standards.

Mitigation measures to State facilities should be included in TIS/TIA. Mitigation identified in the traffic study, subsequent environmental documents, and mitigation monitoring reports, should be coordinated with Caltrans to identify and implement the appropriate mitigation. This includes the actual implementation and collection of any "fair share" monies, as well as the appropriate timing of the mitigation. Mitigation improvements should be compatible with Caltrans concepts.

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**Right-of-Way**

Please coordinate with Caltrans for any development on the project parcel (APN 6450901600) identified in figure 1, North of SR-905 at Heritage Road. Please clarify if this area will be developed within this master plan.

Any work performed within Caltrans' right-of-way (R/W) will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. Early coordination with Caltrans is recommended.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Sanchez, of the Caltrans Development Review Branch, at (619) 688-6494 or by e-mail sent to [roger.sanchez-rangel@dot.ca.gov](mailto:roger.sanchez-rangel@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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