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Oxnard Union High School District
309 South K Street,
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RE: New High School No. 8 – Notice of
Preparation (NOP)
SCH# 2019029101
GTS # 07-VEN-2019-00241
Vic. VEN-101/PM:20.734

Dear Mr. Jeffrey Weinstein:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's NOP. The Oxnard Union High School District (OUHSD) proposes to construct and operate a new state of the art neighborhood High School to accommodate existing and anticipated future enrollment in the District. The new school facilities are designed to meet the educational and recreational needs of up to 2,500 students in grades 9-12. The proposed project would comprise approximately 211, 115 sq. ft of building and structures and provide 806 parking spaces. In addition, the proposed project includes a variety of recreational areas to accommodate the recreational needs of the students and community. This proposed project includes a variety of play fields, hard courts, and a pool. Of these, approximately 14.2-17 acres of play fields are proposed for joint-use with the City to provide additional recreation opportunities to the community, as well as consideration of civic center used of other facilities onsite.

Caltrans has reviewed the NOP and we are looking forward to reviewing this project's Environmental Impact Report and Traffic Study in the future.

Caltrans is moving towards replacing Level of Service (LOS) with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) when evaluating traffic impact. For any future project, like the proposed EIR, we encourage the Lead Agency to integrate transportation and land use in a way that reduces VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by facilitating the provision of more proximate goods and services to shorten trip lengths and achieve a high level of non-motorized travel and transit use.

Caltrans seeks to promote safe, accessible multimodal transportation. Methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles improve safety by lessening the time that the user is in the likely path of a motor vehicle. These methods include the construction of physically separated facilities such as sidewalks, raised medians, refuge islands, and off-road paths and trails, or a reduction in crossing distances through roadway narrowing.

Caltrans recommends the project to consider the use of methods such as, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage and striping, be used to indicate to motorists that they should expect to see and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists. Visual indication from

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signage can be reinforced by road design features such as lane widths, landscaping, street furniture, and other design elements.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State Highway facilities without a storm water management plan.

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

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Reece Allen, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-VEN-2019-00241.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse