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Governor's Office of Planning & Research  
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan –  
Notice of Preparation (NOP)  
SCH# 2019039050  
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02363  
Vic. LA-1/PM: 0.08

Dear Ms. Sally Gee:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's NOP. The proposed program would restore wetland, transitional, and upland habitats throughout the program area. This would involve remediation of contaminated soil, grading, revegetation, construction of new public access opportunities, construction of flood management facilities, and modification of existing infrastructure and utilities.

After reviewing this project's NOP Caltrans has the following comments:

- A Transportation Impact Study is required if the project will result in potentially significant or significant transportation impacts. Please consider including the following items when evaluating the project's potential impact to the circulation system:
  - 1) During construction trucks for hauling of excavated materials/debris, transport of construction equipment, the delivery of construction materials, and trips from construction workers will all potentially increase traffic. Please assess/address the impact of the added traffic volumes to the State Route 1 (SR-1) and State Route 22 (SR-22) on and off-ramp locations in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).
  - 2) Please provide the number of trips generated that will be accessing the SR-1 and SR-22 interchange.
  - 3) The Initial Study indicated that significant earth-moving activities will take place during construction. Caltrans recommends vehicles are covered when hauling dirt/sediment. Please be cautious of lost sediment spilling onto roads and state facilities during this process as this can adversely impact state facilities.
  - 4) 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
  - 5) Please consider the installation of a sidewalk along Studebaker Road. This addition would greatly

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enhance accessibility and promote active transportation to the proposed project

Further information included for your consideration:

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

An encroachment permit will be required for any project on, or in the vicinity of, the Caltrans right of way. Please note that any modifications to the State facility (SR-1 or SR-22) will be subject to additional review by the Office of Permits prior to issuance of the permit.

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.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Reece Allen, at [reece.allen@dot.ca.gov](mailto:reece.allen@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02363.

Sincerely,



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