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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

April 8, 2019

Melissa Barcelo, Superintendent
City of Walnut, Community Services Department
21701 E. Valley Boulevard
Walnut, CA 91789

RE: Walnut Ranch Park Expansion Project –
Notice of Preparation (NOP)
SCH# 2019039062
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02360
Vic. LA-10/PM: 39.265

Dear Ms. Melissa Barcelo:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's NOP. The City of Walnut Community Services Department is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the City of Walnut Community Development Department to construct and operate a project to expand the City's existing Walnut Ranch Park. Improvements would consist of a new aquatics center, a community building, and outdoor community stage with tiered lawn for attendees, a trail kiosk and entrance for the existing Schabarum trail, parking, and restrooms.

After reviewing the NOP, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities

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 consider the use of methods such as, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage and striping, 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.

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-LA-2019-02360

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miya Edmonson".

MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief
Cc: Scott Morgan