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Mrs. Jenna Wright  
California State University Trustees  
400 West First Street  
Chico, CA 95926

**California State University, Chico Master Plan**

Dear Jenna Wright:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental/application review process for the project referenced above. 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 through the lenses of our mission and state planning priorities of infill, conservation, and travel-efficient development. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

The project consists of the proposed California State University (CSU), Chico Master Plan, including Project Design Features (PDFs) drawn from the Master Plan Guidelines. Overall, the project would include approximately 1.6 million gross square feet (GSF) of net new building space for academic, student life and support, student housing, shared uses, administration, service centers, student recreation, athletics, and parking. The project is located west of State Route (SR) 99, just north of SR 32. These comments are based on the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) package.

***Traffic Operations***

This project will generate many trips on the SHS. A traffic impact analysis should be performed to assess the impacts. The impact study report should include trip generation calculations, Average Daily Traffic (ADT), and AM and PM Peak Volumes for:

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- Base Year Traffic Volume
- Opening Day Traffic Volume (without project)
- Opening day Traffic Volume (without project) + Project Volume
- 20-year Traffic Volume (without project)
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The following information should also be included in the impact study report:

- Base year peak hour volume, (mention year, month, date and time of data collection)
- Construction completion year
- Future forecast year
- Trip distribution percentage
- Assumed growth rate
- Identify pedestrian/bike needs and mitigations

An analysis of the following intersections should be included in the impact study report:

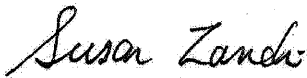
- W 8th Avenue (Ave)/ Nord Ave
- W Sacramento Ave/ Nord Ave (West)
- W Sacramento Ave/ Nord Ave (East)
- W 5th Street (St)/ Walnut St
- W 8th St/ Walnut St
- W 9th St/ Walnut St
- W 8th St/ Ivy St
- W 9th St/ Ivy St
- W 8th St/ Oroville Ave
- E 8th St/ Main St
- W 9th St/ Oroville Av
- E 9th St/ Main St
- SR-99/ SR-32 Highway Interchange

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Please provide our office with copies of any further actions regarding this project. We would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on any changes related to this development.

If you have any question regarding these comments or require additional information, please contact Nima Kabirinassab, Intergovernmental Review Coordinator for Butte County, by phone (530) 741-5452 or via email at [Nima.Kabirinassab@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Nima.Kabirinassab@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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