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PERMITTING OF COMMERCIAL CANNABIS

Mx. Israel Trejo  
City of Fresno  
2600 Fresno Street, Room 3043  
Fresno, California 93721

Dear Mx. Trejo:

Caltrans has completed its review of proposed regulation and permitting of commercial cannabis in Fresno. The project proposes to amend Sections 15-2739 and 15-2739.1 of the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC), Article 33 to Chapter 9 of the FMC, and Article 21 to Chapter 12 of the FMC; relating to adult use and medicinal cannabis retail business, and commercial cannabis business. These amendments would allow medicinal cannabis operations, cultivation, manufacturing, testing, distribution, delivery, and dispensaries within the City. Caltrans offers the following comments:

The body of research on the effects of cannabis retail and commercial business to transportation is in its infancy. There is little to suggest that the amount of traffic generated by cannabis business is significantly different from similar uses, such as neighborhood retail or commercial farming. Determining the effects of cannabis cultivation, distribution, manufacturing and testing operations will require project specific analysis as development occurs.

Impacts to state facilities near the Cannabis Innovation Zone are expected. It is our understanding the City will conduct a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) as part of their transportation analysis for the Environmental Impact Report. Caltrans recommends the TIS identify impacts to state facilities and impact mitigation measures such as increasing connectivity and accessibility to bicycle facilities—particularly the existing Class II lanes. We request to collaborate with the City in defining the scope of the TIS.

Questions about these comments, can be directed to me at (559) 488-7307 or at [Jamaica.Gentry@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Jamaica.Gentry@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamaica Gentry".

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