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Project - Green Island Road Reconstruction and Widening Project—Initial Study (IS) for a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Ron Ranada:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project. In tandem with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Caltrans' mission signals our continuing approach to evaluate and mitigate impacts to the State's multimodal transportation network. Our comments are based on the August 2019 Initial Study.

Project Understanding

The City of American Canyon is proposing to reconstruct and widen Green Island Road to facilitate trucking commerce to and from State Route (SR)-29 which has increased over the years due to the addition of commercial warehouses along this formerly rural road. The limits of the road widening project extend up to approximately 40 feet north of the existing edge of Green Island Road into privately owned properties. To accommodate the road reconstruction and widening, the City will relocate underground existing overhead utilities currently present along the road or on the adjacent private property lands that become incorporated into the new road. A multi-modal transportation system including a bike path is also proposed to be added along the northern side of Green Island Road as part of this project. The proposed project is adjacent to SR-29.

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Tribal Consultation

In Section 2.18, pages 65 and 66, the document states that a comment letter from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation was provided to the City and that it requests the City initiate consultation with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Cultural Resources Manager. It is not indicated whether the Tribe was consulted with or responded to. The Caltrans Office of Cultural Resource Studies recommends the City consult with the Tribe to reduce the impact as stated in 2.18 a and b to "Less Than Significant Impact" or "No Impact".

Right-of-Way (ROW) and Traffic Safety

Please note that the widening of Green Island Road will require the acquisition of property from Caltrans. Approximately 620 feet of Green Island Road (30 feet wide) west of SR-29 to the existing railroad is existing State ROW. Of the said 620 feet, the most easterly 265 feet of the southerly ROW line of Green Island Road is bounded by State land and the most easterly 486 feet of the northerly ROW line of Green Island Road is bounded by State land. Refer to attached Caltrans ROW map (R-25a-11).

Additionally, since this development proposes improvements to Green Island Road which intersects SR-29, please ensure that all work within the ROW, including all pavement markings on the acceleration/deceleration lanes at this intersection, are per Caltrans standards.

Construction-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to SR-29 from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified in the MND. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on state roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, visit:

https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits.

Prior to construction, coordination is required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Utilities

Any utilities that are proposed, moved or modified within Caltrans' ROW shall be discussed. If utilities are impacted by the project, provide site plans that show the location of existing and/or proposed utilities. These modifications require a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit.

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Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of American Canyon is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto the State ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. To obtain an encroachment permit, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, six (6) sets of plans clearly indicating the State ROW, and six (6) copies of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans must be submitted to: Office of Encroachment Permits, California DOT, District 4, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660. To download the permit application and obtain more information, visit https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michael McHenry at 510-286-5562 or michael.mchenry@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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