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November 26, 2019

William Meade
Los Angeles Unified School District
333 S. Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Reseda Charter High School
Comprehensive Modernization Project –
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2019109089
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02906
Vic. LA-101/PM: 21.142

Dear Mr. William Meade:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The Project includes the demolition of 10 permanent buildings, 23 relocatable buildings, storage units, and covered walkways; the construction of new buildings (including classrooms, administration, library, multipurpose/performing arts, and cafeteria/lunch shelter); upgrading/replacing infrastructure; and new landscaping and hardscaping. The proposed Project also consists of barrier removal upgrades, exterior painting, and limited interior improvements. LAUSD completed a PEA-E investigation to assess environmental conditions at selected areas within the Project footprint. Based on the PEA-E findings, a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) was prepared to remove approximately 266 cubic yards of soil impacted with arsenic and lead and to remediate soil vapor associated with the former Industrial Arts building.

After reviewing the MND, we concur that the project is the modernization of an existing school site and does not include any growth or capacity increase from either increased student population or operational uses. Therefore, it is understood that there would be no increase in vehicle trips associated with the site after the completion of the modernization and impacts would be less than significant.

As a reminder, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Reece Allen, the project coordinator, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2019-02906

Sincerely,

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

MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief
cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse