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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE Crescent Elementary
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. Jesse Avalos
Greenfield Union School District
1624 Fairview Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Dear Mr. Avalos:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for a 23-acre elementary school campus on a 49.5-acre parcel. The project is located on the southeast corner of Panama Lane and Cottonwood Road, approximately 2.2 miles east of State Route (SR) 99 in the City of Bakersfield in Kern County.

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.

Caltrans provides the *following comments* consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. As stated in the Initial Study, the attendance area boundaries for this proposed school are most likely bounded by H Street on the west, Pacheco Road on the north, Cottonwood Road on the east and Panama Lane on the south. There are two elementary schools that fall within the roadway boundaries that provide main circulation to the vicinity of the Project. The closest elementary school (Fairview Elementary School) is located 2,100 feet northwest of the proposed school location.
2. Based on the location of the school, Caltrans believes that this project will not have a significant impact on SR 99. The site will gain access primarily from Panama Lane on the northern Project boundary and all project trips would originate from nearby neighborhoods. Since many of the neighborhoods in the area are already built out, any trips outside the immediate vicinity of the project site are already occurring.

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If you have any further questions, please contact Lupita Mendoza, Transportation Planner, at (559) 488-4260.

Sincerely,



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