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NOV 07 2019**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE****10-SJ-205-PM R003.070****Westside Specific Plan****NOP for EIR****SCH# 2019110082**

Alan Bell

City of Tracy Development Services Department

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Dear Mr. Bell:

The California Department of Transportation appreciates the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study for an Environmental Impact Report for the Westside Specific Plan. The plan encompasses a 535 acre area west of Lammers Road and south of 11th Street and I-205. The plan includes institutional (hospital and health care-related), mixed-use commercial, medium residential, and senior residential uses. The Department has the following comments:

- A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) will be required to determine this proposed project's near-term and long-term impacts to State facilities – both existing and proposed – and to propose appropriate mitigation measures and funding responsibility. The Traffic Impact Study should be done in accordance with the Caltrans "Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies", December 2002 edition. This study and accompanying electronic files must be submitted to Caltrans for review prior to project approval.
- The Traffic Impact Study must include the following on and off-ramps.
 - I-205 and Grant Line Road
 - I-205 and 11th Street
 - I-205 and Mountain House Parkway
 - I-580 and Mountain House Parkway
- The Department recommends a Complete Streets approach to planning transportation in this area. This includes installing bus stops, bicycle lanes, and pedestrian facilities to provide residents, including elderly and disabled residents, with continuous alternative transportation options from their homes to nearby businesses, health care facilities, recreation areas, and other destinations.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss our comments in more detail, please contact Nicholas Fung at (209) 948-7190 or myself at (209) 941-1921.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Nicholas Fung in blue ink, with "FOR" written below it.

TOM DUMAS, CHIEF

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