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10-MER-165-PM 32.868 New Elementary School Project Hilmar Unified School District

Mr. Jim Bullock Director of Capital Projects, Operations & Safety Himar Unified School District 7807 N Lander Avenue Hilmar, CA 95324

Dear Mr. Bullock:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Scope of Work for the preparation of a Traffic Impact Analysis for the New Elementary School Project. The Department has the following comments:

- 1. On page one of the Draft Scope of Work under Weekday peak hours to be analyzed (Tuesday through Thursday). The AM peak hour Should be from 6-9 AM.
- 2. On page one of Draft Scope of Work under the Study Intersections please add the following Intersections: (Shown in Bold)
 - 1. Project Driveway 1 / Geer Avenue
 - 2. Project Driveway 2 / Geer Avenue
 - 3. Lander Avenue / Geer Avenue
 - 4. SR-165 (Lander Avenue)/Dayton Avenue
 - 5. SR-165 (Lander Avenue)/Echo Street
- 3. Provide the Signal Warrants Study analysis for the Intersection of SR-165 (Lander Avenue)/Geer Avenue to determine if signal is warranted.
- 4. Provide Synchro/SimTraffic analysis for our review and comments

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Given the importance of mobility options, this project should provide an assessment of how various transportation options will be incorporated into the site. Specifically, pedestrian and bicycle access to and through the subject site should be provided.

Any work within the State's right-of-way will require an encroachment permit from Caltrans and must be done to our engineering and environmental standards, and at no cost to the State. The conditions of approval and the requirements for the encroachment permit are issued at the sole discretion of the Permits Office. For more information regarding the encroachment permit process, please visit our Encroachment Permit Website at: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep or you can contact their office at (209)948-7891.

If you have any questions, please contact Hilda Sousa at (209) 942-6184 (email: hilda.sousa@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 941-1921. We look forward to continuing to work with you in a cooperative manner.

Sincerely,

TOM DUMAS, Chief

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