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FARMERSVILLE VILLAGE PROJECT
MND-SCH #2019119014

SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. Karl Schoettler, Contract City Planner
City of Farmersville
909 W. Visalia Road
Farmersville CA, 93229

Dear Mr. Schoettler:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Farmersville Village Project, proposing to develop approximately 5.47 acres into 108 multi-family residential units. The project site is located on the southeast corner of Farmersville Road/Walnut Street intersection, approximately one mile south of State Route (SR) 198.

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. Caltrans estimates the increase in traffic flow would not have a significant impact to SR 198.
2. Alternative transportation policies should be applied to the development. An assessment of multi-modal facilities should be conducted to develop an integrated multi-modal transportation system to serve and help alleviate traffic congestion caused by the project and related development in this area of the City. The assessment should include the following:
 - a. Pedestrian walkways should link this proposal to an internal project area walkway, transit facilities, as well as other walkways in the surrounding area.
 - b. The project should consider bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation and offer internal amenities to encourage bicycle use which should include parking, security, lockers and showers.
 - c. If transit is not available within ¼-mile of the site, transit should be extended to provide services to what will be a high activity center.

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If you have any other questions, please call Edgar Hernandez at (559) 488-4168.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Navarro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MICHAEL NAVARRO, Chief
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