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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR AIRPORT WAY: YOSEMITE AVENUE TO DANIELS STREET WIDENING – DATED NOVEMBER 2019 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2019119044) 2019119072

Dear Mr. Kim:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Airport Way: Yosemite Avenue to Daniels Street Widening.

The Project consists of widening Airport Way from the existing two lanes to a six-lane arterial roadway from north of Yosemite Avenue to just north of Daniels Street. The ultimate six-lane configuration includes three travel lanes in each direction, a raised median, a 5-foot Class II bike lane, and a 6-foot sidewalk with curb and gutter on either side of the street.

DTSC recommends that the following issues be evaluated in the MND, Hazards and Hazardous Materials section:

1. The MND should acknowledge the potential for project site activities to result in the release of hazardous wastes/substances. In instances in which releases may occur, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination, and the potential threat to public health and/or the environment should be evaluated. The MND should also identify the mechanism(s) to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation and the government agency who will be responsible for providing appropriate regulatory oversight. Please note that concentrations of arsenic and chlorinated pesticides have previously been documented at the property located at 280 and 282 North Airport Way.

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- 2. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any project sites included in the proposed project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's 2006 Interim Guidance Evaluation of School Sites with Potential Contamination from Lead Based Paint, Termiticides, and Electrical Transformers (https://dtsc.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Guidance Lead Contamination 050118.pdf).
- If any projects initiated as part of the proposed project require the importation of soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination. DTSC recommends the imported materials be characterized according to DTSC's 2001 Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material (https://dtsc.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/SMP_FS_Cleanfill-Schools.pdf).
- 4. If any sites included as part of the proposed project have been used for agricultural, weed abatement or related activities, proper investigation for organochlorinated pesticides should be discussed in the MND. DTSC recommends the current and former agricultural lands be evaluated in accordance with DTSC's 2008 Interim Guidance for Sampling Agricultural Properties (Third Revision) (https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Ag-Guidance-Rev-3-August-7-2008-2.pdf).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to review the MND for the Airport Way: Yosemite Avenue to Daniels Street Widening. Should you need any assistance with an environmental investigation, please submit a request for Lead Agency Oversight Application, which can be found at: https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/VCP App-1460.doc. Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found at: https://dtsc.ca.gov/brownfields/.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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