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Dear Ms. Lister,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lower Curtis Park – Dirt Import and Stockpile Project. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The project proposes to import approximately 760,000 cubic yards of dirt from freeway improvements to Interstate 5 (I-5) by Caltrans and stockpile the dirt on a vacant 42.9-gross acre site that is located adjacent to and east of Curtis Park. Regional access to the existing site is provided by State Route 241 (SR 241) and Interstate 5 (I-5). Caltrans is a responsible agency for this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

Encroachment Permit

1. Any project work proposed in the vicinity of the State Right-of-Way (ROW) would require an encroachment permit and all environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. If the environmental documentation for the project does not meet Caltrans's requirements for work done within State ROW, additional documentation would be required before approval of the encroachment permit. Please coordinate with Caltrans to meet requirements for any work within or near State ROW. For specific details for Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to the Caltrans's Encroachment Permits Manual at:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/

Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Jamoralin at (657) 328-6276 or Joseph Jamoralin@dot.ca.gov

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Sincerely,

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