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Mr. Gary Nellesen, Executive Director Facilities Planning & Management Mt. San Antonio College 1100 N. Grand Avenue Walnut. CA 91789

RE: Mt. San Antonio College Technology

and Health Building

Vic. LA-57 PM 6.18, LA-10 PM 38.5 SCH # 20211030292 2021030292 GTS # LA-2021-03519AL-MND

## Dear Mr. Nellesen:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Project involves the development a new four-story Technology and Health building which will encompass 253,866 gross square feet (gsf) and consist of 152,668 assignable square feet (asf).

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has been codified into CEQA law. It mandates that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed developments be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts. As a reminder, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after the July 1, 2020 statewide implementation date. You may reference The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) website for more information.

## http://opr.ca.gov/cega/updates/guidelines/

For this project, transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from Caltrans. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods and idle time not to exceed 10 minutes.

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Per the Los Angeles County Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines6, if a project is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop, the project is determined to have a less-than-significant impact on transportation and no further VMT analysis is required. In addition to the existing transit routes which operate within one-half mile of the project site, a transit center is currently being constructed on the Mt. SAC campus. The transit center will be located immediately adjacent to this project and will serve multiple Foothill Transit routes. Therefore, the project is exempt from further VMT analysis and is assumed to have a less-than-significant impact on transportation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2021-03519AL-MND.

Sincerely,

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