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RE: DSH-Metropolitan Consolidation of Police
 Operations – Draft Environmental Impact
 Report (DEIR)
 SCH# 2018081066
 GTS # 07-LA-2018-02242
 Vic. LA-5/PM: 4.438

Dear Ms. Parson:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's DEIR. The proposed project is the relocation and consolidation of police operations on the hospital campus. Relocation requires the demolition of 5 historic structures to construct a 1-story, 18,300 square foot "Essential Service Building". The building would house the Hospital Police and the Office of Special Investigation. The project includes two vehicular access points and two new surface parking lots for staff visitors. The project also would realign the intersection at Sixth St/Bloomfield Ave, install a new signal, crosswalk, sidewalk, landscaping and irrigation monument signage and a new police kiosk and traffic barrier arm gate. The intersection would serve as the new main entrance to the campus. The signal, sidewalk, and crosswalk improvements are considered offsite improvements because they are located outside of State's property boundary.

Caltrans has reviewed the DEIR and has the following comments:

- Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods

Further information included for your consideration:

Caltrans seeks to promote safe, accessible multimodal transportation. Methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles improve safety by lessening the time that the user is in the likely path of a motor vehicle. These methods include the construction of physically separated facilities such as sidewalks, raised medians, refuge islands, and off-road paths and trails, or a reduction in crossing distances through roadway narrowing.

Caltrans recommends the project consider the use of methods such as, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage and striping, to indicate to motorists that

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they should expect to see and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists. Visual indication from signage can be reinforced by road design features such as lane widths, landscaping, street furniture, and other design elements.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State Highway facilities without a storm water management plan.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Reece Allen, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2018-02242

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miya E.', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

MIYA EDMONSON
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