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RE: Conejo School Rd & Willow Lane Sidewalk/Bike Lanes Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) SCH# 2019029086 GTS # 07-VEN-2019-00237 Vic. VEN-101/PM: 1.723 – VEN-101/PM: 2.216

Dear Mr. Tohidian:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's MND. The project includes new 5.5 to six-ft wide sidewalks (with curb and gutter) on the west side of Conejo School Road between Thousand Oaks Blvd and Los Feliz Dr. In addition, 5 to 5.5 ft wide sidewalks with curb and gutter would be provided on the west side of Conejo School Road from near Beyer Park to near Hillcrest Dr. New six to 8-ft wide sidewalks would be provided on the south side of Willow Lane from 750 ft east of Conejo Ridge Ave to Fairview Rd, and six ft wide sidewalks provided on the north side of Willow Lane from near Fairview Rd extending 400 ft to the west.

After reviewing the MND Caltrans has the following comments:

- The proposed project passes under State Route 101 and appears to intersect Caltrans' Right of Way. Please forward plans and project information to the Caltrans District 7 Office of Permits for an Encroachment Permit.
- 2) Furthermore, local striping on Caltrans R/W will need a Pavement Delineation Plan.
- Attached, Please find Right of Way Record Map for more information.

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.

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Caltrans recommends the project to consider the use of methods such as, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage and striping, be used to indicate to motorists that 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 and Ventura County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. The completed project could incorporate green design elements that can capture storm water such as permeable pavement, landscaping, and trees to reduce urban water run-off

As a reminder, 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

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-VEN-2019-00237

Sincerely

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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

