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Commissioner's Office of Planning & Research
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 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Step By Step Los Angeles County;
 Pedestrian Plans for
 Unincorporated Communities –
 Mitigated Negative Declaration
 (MND)
 SCH # 2019029151
 GTS # 07-LA-2019-02308
 Vic. LA-138/PM 63.396
 LA-105/PM R 10.698
 LA-105/PM R 6.106
 LA-605/PM R 12.762

Dear Mr. Justin Robertson:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-mentioned Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The proposed project consists of the adoption of Step by Step Los Angeles County: Pedestrian Plans for Unincorporated Communities (also referred to as the "Plan" or "proposed project"). This Plan serves as an implementing document of the County of Los Angeles General Plan 2035 and formalizes a vision for walkability in unincorporated communities based on identified needs and community, departmental, and Board of Supervisors input. The Plan was called out in General Plan Implementation Program M-2, and will be incorporated into the Mobility Element as a sub-element. The Plan provides specific actions the County can integrate into departmental work programs to update policies, practices, and procedures to improve walkability and help eliminate fatalities and severe injuries for people walking in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The Plan proposes new programs as well as recommendations to improve existing programs that support and encourage walking in the County. Finally, the Plan recommends specific pedestrian safety improvements for four unincorporated communities: Lake Los Angeles, Walnut Park, Westmont/West Athens, and West Whittier-Los Nietos.

After reviewing this project's MND Caltrans has the following comments:

- Regarding the March 2019 Draft of the Step By Step Los Angeles County; Pedestrian Plans for Unincorporated Communities:

- 1) Page 12, Paragraph #3: Please add the "2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design" to the list of applicable County guidelines.

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- 2) Page 44, "Crosswalks": Please include a note, that for safety, we need to recognize that a waiting pedestrian should be readily visible to approaching vehicles. All items that may obstruct the view should be relocated. In addition, street crossing corners may need to be redesigned to achieve or enhance visibility.
- 3) Page 44, Paragraph #3: Please include a note that installing mid-block pedestrian crossings is not recommended, especially at locations where the speed is high. The mid-block pedestrian crossing should only be used when all other options are exhausted, and they should always be accompanied by a flashing red traffic signal whenever possible.
- 4) Page 48, "Pedestrian Detectors": Please include a note that pedestrian push buttons must be installed such that they are easily and safely accessible to pedestrians in wheel chairs. This includes (but is not limited to) a push button location that is at a reasonable height, accessible, safe, and flat

If you have any questions, please contact Reece Allen, the project coordinator, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2019-02308

Sincerely,



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