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325 South Peck Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: Grand View Elementary School Renovation
Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration
(MND)
SCH # 2019079015
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02667
Vic. LA-1/PM: 23.385

Dear Ms. Dawnalyn Murakawa-Leopard:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The project proposes to modernize and reconfigure the existing Grand View Elementary School (GVES) facilities by providing various new construction and renovation so that all areas of the campus are more accessible and function more effectively as a single school. The maximum enrollment capacity would be increased by two classrooms or 24 students. The Manhattan Beach Unified School District is considered the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

The following information is included for your consideration.

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.

In addition, 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 the reduction of crossing distances through roadway narrowing.

Caltrans recommends that 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 they should expect to see and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists. Visual indication from signage and

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the other visual cues previously mentioned can be reinforced by road design features such as lane widths, landscaping, and street furniture, among other design elements.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02667.

Sincerely,



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