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RE: General Plan Update and West  
Valley Specific Plan / Walnut  
General Plan Update and West  
Valley Specific Plan / Walnut Business  
Park - DSEIR  
Vic. SR-60/21.608  
SCH # 2017101010  
GTS # 07-LA-2017-04747

Dear Joelle Guerra:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Walnut General Plan Update identifies the community's vision for the future and provides a framework to guide decision making on growth and development, aesthetics, transportation, and open space. The proposed Walnut General Plan Update will include the following elements: Land Use and Community Design; Circulation; Conservation; Open Space and Recreation; Community Facilities and Infrastructure; Safety; and Noise Elements. The West Valley Specific Plan allows for new mixed-use development along Valley Boulevard. The City of Walnut is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest state facility is the SR-60. After reviewing the DSEIR, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans supports the mitigation measures suggested in Impact 5.13-2 (First-Mile/Last-Mile Space, Improved Pedestrian Network, and/or physical features such as bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure improvements). Caltrans encourages the proposed project to explore opportunities to improve bicycle and pedestrian accessibility along the roads surrounding the project site. Although the Walnut General Plan Circulation Element does not note any bikeway or pedestrian improvements within proximity to the project site, Strava data indicates significant walking and biking activity along Lemon Ave, Carrey Rd, and E Valley Blvd.

To help promote accessibility and safety, potential improvements may include the construction of physically separated facilities such as Class IV bikeways, wide sidewalks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, landscaping, street furniture, and reductions in crossing distances through roadway narrowing. In addition, visual indicators such as pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage, and striping should be incorporated to indicate to motorists that they can expect to see and yield to people walking or riding bikes.

Furthermore, Caltrans supports the inclusion of bicycle parking in compliance with CALGreen codes. Following best practices outlined in the "Essentials of Bike Parking" guide created by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (<https://www.apbp.org/Publications>). Bike parking should be installed a minimum of 24" away from walls and other objects (e.g. trash cans, plants, etc.). With the growing use of electric bikes and cargo/utility bikes (which tend to be bigger and heavier), Caltrans recommends that bicycle parking facilities be designed to accommodate a range of bicycle styles and sizes. The "Essentials of Bike Parking" guide offers recommendations on the most effective types of short-term and long-term bike parking. Additionally, it is recommended that the 55 bicycle parking spaces be distributed throughout the project site and close to entrances.

Caltrans recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. A permit for any heavy construction equipment and or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways. Any work performed within State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing potential impacts for Caltrans for review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at [Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2017-04747.

Sincerely,



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