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RE: San Gabriel Valley Greenway
Network Strategic Implementation Plan
– Draft Program Environmental Impact
Report (PEIR)
SCH# 2022090340
GTS #07-LA-2022-04796
Vic. LA Multiple

Dear Ariana Villanueva,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Plan provides a guide to develop an active transportation and recreational corridor for bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians; beautify the LACFCD ROW; and enhance stormwater management and natural habitats around river channels, stormwater channels, washes, and creeks in the SGV. Beneficial Project Elements that are covered in the PEIR include greenway paths and amenities (e.g., shade structures, bike racks, informational signs, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, decorative gates, lighting, etc.); pocket parks and greenspaces; safe crossings at roads, railroad tracks, and channels; and stormwater management opportunities (e.g., permeable pavements, bioswales, stormwater detention basins, etc.). Detailed impacts resulting from both short-term construction and long-term operation of the Plan are identified in the PEIR, and all elements are analyzed at a program level.

After reviewing the PEIR, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans acknowledges and supports the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network and all that it will do to help California meet its climate, transportation, and livability goals. Caltrans planners and engineers are available to partner on implementing design

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elements that improve safety and mobility for people walking, riding bikes, or taking transit throughout the Plan area. By removing barriers and improving safety, this Plan can make transportation mode shift easier for Californians and help the State meet its policy goals to reduce the number of trips made by driving, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, and encourage active modes of travel.

Please note, that any project work occurring within, or abutting Caltrans ROW will require an encroachment permit, and all concerns and requirements must be addressed. Final design requirements for any proposed changes to infrastructure within or along Caltrans Right-of-way will be determined by the Office of Permits. At the time of permit application there will be rounds of review and corrections to ensure all design, Right-of-way, access management, water runoff, environmental, and statutory requirements are being addressed.

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Sincerely,

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Cc: State Clearinghouse