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> RE: Los Angeles River Phase IV Bike Path Project - MND Vic. LA-134/3.829 SCH # 2025021226 GTS # 07-LA-2025-04759

Dear Christopher Adams:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The proposed Project would upgrade an existing maintenance road into a new section of the Los Angeles River Bikeway. The Project would construct an asphalt concrete pavement Class I bicycle and pedestrian path along the south bank access road of the Los Angeles River, and a partially separated equestrian trail. The Project would extend the Los Angeles River Bikeway by approximately one mile from its current western terminus near Riverside Drive and would provide new equestrian trail facilities near the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. The proposed Project would connect to the active transportation network throughout the region and provide new pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian access and connectivity to transit, residential homes, schools, jobs, parks, and other community-serving amenities for the surrounding communities. The proposed Project would add to the region's livability by expanding active transportation options and providing new access to public transit, homes, schools, work, parks, and other community-serving amenities. The City of Los Angeles is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest state facility is the SR-134. After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans is in support of this project's pedestrian-oriented plans that help achieve state planning priorities contained in state law and meet state policy goals on transportation, VMT reduction, GHG emissions reduction, and/or betterment of the environment and human health. To achieve the goal of zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050, Caltrans emphasizes the importance of enhancing pedestrian and bicyclist amenities in community destinations.

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Any project work occurring within, or abutting Caltrans ROW will require an encroachment permit, this includes any grading, topography, or equipment work that will change the pattern or direction of water runoff in a way that will impact State facilities or ROW. Please see Appendix A for Caltrans ROW map F2198 and an Assessor's map.

Additionally, 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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Caltrans also 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. 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 and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2025-04759.

Sincerely,

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Appendix A:

ROW Map: F2198 Assessor's Map



