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Dear Mr. Rangel,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)for Norm Ross Sports Park Complex Project. The proposed project seeks to redevelop the Norm Ross Sports Park Complex, demolishing existing uses and redeveloping the site with new sports and park facilities. The proposed project would develop a little league baseball field, lighting poles, a U-12 soccer field, a multipurpose sports court, a playground, a courtyard amphitheater, shaded picnic areas, a community garden, storage building, park building with restrooms, a new water basin, a pedestrian bridge, a new perimeter wall on east and southside, new perimeter fencing on the west and northside, utility/emergency entrance, utility access area, and a small and large dog park; the project would further upgrade an existing pedestrian bridge. In addition, the City would reorient the existing little league baseball field so that home plate is on the southwest corner of the field near the existing parking lot and add a U-12 soccer field over the same area. Field improvements also include new sports lighting, two shaded bleachers, shaded two dug outs, a field storage structure, a trash enclosure and two free standing drinking fountains.

The Norm Ross Sports Park Improvement Project (proposed project) located at 11111 Cedar Street in the rear of Carver Early Education Center in the City of Stanton. The site can also be accessed by State Route 39. State Route 39 is owned and operated by Caltrans. Therefore, Caltrans is a commenting agency on this project, and has the following comments:

1. Caltrans supports the design of Complete Streets that include high-quality pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities that are safe and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities. Improvements may include providing secure bicycle parking, pedestrian-oriented LED lighting, wayfinding signage, and comfortable

connections to nearby active transportation and/or transit facilities. Complete Streets improvements also promote regional connectivity, improve air quality, reduce congestion, promote improved first-/last-mile connections, and increase safety for all modes of transportation. Continue to incorporate Complete Streets in project development.

2. Caltrans also recommends following bicycle parking best practices described in the "Essentials of Bike Parking" guide created by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (link to online PDF: 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 popularity of electric bikes and cargo/utility bikes (which tend to be bigger and heavier), Caltrans also recommends that bicycle storage facilities be designed to accommodate a range of bicycle styles, sizes, and weights.

3. Several parts of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration state that "there are no bike lanes on the nearby streets." However, there are several Class II bike facilities near the project site within walking distance: on Western Avenue to the west; Orangewood Ave to the east; and Chapman Ave to the south. Please account for these bike lanes in the relevant analyses and language.

4. During any construction, please ensure that appropriate detours and safety measures are in place that prioritize the mobility, access, and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Caltrans' mission is to improve lives and communities through transportation. Please continue to coordinate with Caltrans for any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Lugaro at Julie.lugaro@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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