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RE: Inglewood High School
Reconstruction Project - NOP
SCH# 2025070682
GTS# 07-LA-2025-04858

Dear Jordan Miles,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Inglewood Unified School District is proposing a Reconstruction Project for Inglewood High School, which will include the demolition of a majority of the existing classroom buildings. Six new buildings would be constructed, including a two-story Administration and General Classroom building; a one-story Food Services and Multi-Purpose Room building; a one-to two-story Science Labs and General Classrooms building; a one-story Student Life building, a one-story Career and Technical Education and classrooms building, and a one-story Career and Technical Education and Music classrooms building. In addition, the existing Auditorium and Gymnasium, would be internally renovated. The Project would remove existing asphalt areas, and sports court/field and landscaping improvements would be included throughout the Inglewood High School campus. In addition, the Project would include campus path lighting, exterior building lights, and sports facility lighting.

The nearest State facility is U.S. Highway I-405. After reviewing the Notice of Preparation (NOP), Caltrans has the following comments:

"Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment"

Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to incorporate multi-modal infrastructure along and within school boundaries to meet community placemaking and safe urban design objectives. This infrastructure, encompassing ADA-compliant design, adequate sidewalks, high-visibility crosswalks, Class IV bike lanes, and bike parking, is crucial for establishing a fully accessible Complete Street that supports pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders. This includes reducing the amount of parking whenever possible, as research looking at the relationship between land-use, parking, and transportation indicates that the amount of car parking supplied can undermine a project's ability to encourage public transit and active modes of transportation. For any project to better promote public transit and reduce vehicle miles traveled, we recommend the implementation of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies as an alternative to building car parking.

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. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing potential impacts for Caltrans review.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nestor Lemus, the project coordinator, at Nestor.Lemus@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2025-04858.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse