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RE: Roadside Park Project (MND)
SCH # 2025070965
GTS # 07-LA-2025-04866

Dear Nick Baldwin,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The City of Baldwin Park will develop a new 0.80-acre nature-based park at a blighted vacant lot adjacent to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center. The new park, referred to as Roadside Park, is expected to include passive and active recreation features, including a nature-based playground, shade structure, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic areas, native plants and pollinator garden, restroom facility, irrigation system, walking path with solar lighting, recycled benches and tables, and open green space. The park will also include approximately 17 new shade trees, native plants and shrubs, permeable walkways, stormwater capture bioswales, and an underground infiltration system to recharge this region's groundwater basin.

The nearest State facilities are U.S. State Highway I-10. After reviewing the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), Caltrans has the following comments:

Parcel 980592-1 was relinquished as part of a collateral facility to a street area to the city of Baldwin Park. As such, the parcel contains a drainage basin that needs to be kept in place to support the frontage road. Additionally, any work performed within State right-of-Way will require an encroachment permit from Caltrans.

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Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standard and specifications.

Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to incorporate multi-modal infrastructure along and within park 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.

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-2025-04866.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse