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RE: Walnut Valley Unified School District (WVUSD) Electronic Billboard Project (Planning Case No. PL2024-40)
SCH #2025090910
Vic. LA-60/PM R22.397
GTS # LA-2025-04913-MND

Dear Rudy Lopez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The applicants request approval to install and operate a dual-faced digital LED billboard on the Walnut Valley Unified School District (WVUSD) property at 880 South Lemon Avenue, Diamond Bar, immediately north of SR-60. The sign would be placed within an approximately 100-square-foot base area at the southwest corner of the 6.08-acre parcel, occupying roughly 1,500 square feet of airspace above the base. The proposed structure would be approximately 97 feet in total height, consisting of a 90-foot sign with up to 7 feet of decorative architectural features. Each sign face would measure 14 feet high by 48 feet wide and display static images that change every eight seconds. Project work includes foundation excavation, installation of the monopole and superstructure, underground electrical trenching to connect to WVUSD or SCE service, removal of two pine trees along South Lemon Avenue with replacement planting of two 24-inch box crape myrtles, and minor landscape enhancements along the SR-60 frontage.

Any proposed off-premises commercial advertising display visible from the State Highway System (SHS) must obtain an Outdoor Advertising (ODA) Permit from Caltrans prior to placement, you may visit our website at

https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda

for our permit application forms and permitting requirements. Also, please note that this freeway segment may be classified as a Landscaped Freeway and pursuant to the California Outdoor Advertising Act new outdoor advertising displays are prohibited from being placed adjacent to a Landscaped Freeway segment.

Please be reminded that any work performed within the State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standard and specifications.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which require use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. Truck drivers should cover construction trucks with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto the State Highway.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Caltrans ODA Program at (916) 654-6473 or at ODA@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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