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RE: Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies (VOGES) Multipurpose Athletic Field Upgrades Project
SCH# 2025100439
GTS# 07-LA-2025-04926

Dear Bryan Ramos Fernandez,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Los Angeles Unified School District is proposing the modernization and enhancement of the existing multipurpose athletic field at VOCES. The proposed Project will demolish the existing asphalt pavement and handball courts and in its place, the proposed Project will construct a new natural grass turf multipurpose athletic field, field lights, goal posts, scoreboard, and five-tier portable bleachers. The proposed Project will also include restriping of an existing parking lot and minor upgrades to existing buildings and grounds consistent with the requirements Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The nearest State facility is SR-170 and I-5. After reviewing the Negative Declaration (ND), Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to incorporate multi-modal infrastructure along and project 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-2025-04926.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse