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Laura Cook
California Department of Transportation
1976 East Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard
Stockton, CA 95205

Re: SCH #2026061279

Dear Ms. Cook,

The Los Banos Area of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) received the "Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal," of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project Name for the State Clearinghouse (SCH) number 2026061279. The CHP's interest in commenting surrounds our concern for public safety, specifically the traffic in the Los Banos Area.

The Department's concerns with the potential impact of this project include the following: increased traffic congestion, additional enforcement demands, and increased incidents requiring emergency response during construction. Commercial truck trailer combination vehicle traffic on local freeways will increase as materials and products are transported to and from the worksite.

This project could have a negative impact on our operations due to the increased traffic congestion, which would necessitate the need for additional traffic control measures to mitigate the potential increase in traffic crashes. We are hopeful work project operations will diligently establish, monitor, and enforce work project rules related to vehicle safety as CHP personnel work to ensure compliance with the California Vehicle Code provisions.

If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact me at (209) 826-3811.

Sincerely,

R. DANIELS, Lieutenant
Commander

cc: Special Projects Section
Central Division

