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Jacilyn Snyder
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Sacramento, CA 95825

Re: SCH #2026050747

Dear Ms. Snyder

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Williams Area, received the "Notice of Completion" for land to be placed into federal trust, environmental impact document of the Wortham Property Fee-to-Trust Acquisition, State Clearinghouse (SCH) number 2026050747. The CHP's interest in commenting surrounds our concern for public safety, specifically the traffic on State Route (SR) 45.

Our concerns about the potential impact of this project include the following: increased traffic congestion, additional enforcement demands, and increased traffic crashes requiring emergency response during and after construction along SR-45 in the project area. During construction, commercial truck trailer combination vehicle traffic on SR-45 and other local roadways will increase as materials and products are transported to and from the worksite(s). Following construction, the area will continue to experience increased commercial, residential, and recreational traffic in the area. Additionally, on SR-45, just north of the project area, there is a bend in the roadway which limits visibility for southbound traffic to see traffic entering and exiting the roadway. Efforts to mitigate these concerns could include ensuring sufficient clearance (roadway width), merging and exit lanes, or the addition of traffic signals to control the flow of traffic on SR-45.

Should you have any questions regarding these concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 473- 6000.

Sincerely,

D. J. OWEN, Lieutenant
Commander
Williams Area

Attachment

