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RE: Rio Hondo Park Project
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2026070317
Vic. LA-19/PM 15.99
GTS # 07-LA-2026-05101

Dear Nadia Carrasco:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The City of Pico Rivera is processing a request to implement a series of discretionary actions designed to facilitate the redevelopment of Rio Hondo Park, located at 8421 San Luis Potosi within the City of Pico Rivera in Los Angeles County, California. The proposed redevelopment initiative includes the construction of a softball field, a soccer field, and a pickleball court, along with various associated facilities and amenities across the approximately 44-acre site. The current configuration of the park features an office building, concession stand, restroom facilities, basketball courts, a parking lot, playgrounds, handball courts, an electrical utility enclosure, and a baseball field.

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is State Route 19. After reviewing the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans acknowledges that the City of Pico Rivera (City) is currently working with a draft Active Transportation Master Plan (dated May 2026). This plan outlines proposals such as establishing a Class IV separated bikeway along Beverly Road and introducing a new trail access point to the Rio Hondo bike path. In support of these initiatives, Caltrans recommends that the City evaluate the feasibility of installing new bike parking facilities or upgrading existing ones within Rio Hondo Park.

To ensure bicycle parking meets the needs of various users, bike racks should be designed to provide two points of contact with the bike frame. The racks must provide sufficient space to accommodate a wide range of bike types, including electric bikes, cargo bikes, and bikes equipped with trailers. For additional guidance on effective bike parking solutions, refer to the "Essentials of Bike Parking" guidance published by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. This resource is available online as a PDF at https://www.apbp.org/Publications.

Caltrans recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. Construction truck loads should be covered with a tarpaulins. Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Frances Duong, the project coordinator, at (213) 266-3561 and refer to GTS #07-LA-2026-05101.

Sincerely,

Frances Duong

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Cc: State Clearinghouse