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I-5, SR 22, SR 55

Dear Mr. Carvajal,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for the proposed Update for the Santa Ana Master Plan for Arterial Highway (MPAH). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The project proposes to make amendments to classifications of OCTA's Master Plan of Imperial Highways. The project amendments are Citywide, near Caltrans facilities on Interstate 405 (I-405), State Route 22 (SR 22), and SR 55. Caltrans is a responsible agency and has the following comments:

Transportation Planning:

1. Caltrans fully supports the City's efforts to providing multimodal transportation options through the OC Streetcar. Amendments to the MPAH should reflect current and future plans for OC Streetcar alignment and expansion. Ensure the any amendments would support any land use changes that may come during the lifetime of the OC Streetcar.
2. Ensure that any amendments to the MPAH will not impede on bicycle and pedestrian circulation, connectivity, and safety.

Traffic Operations:

3. Please explain the methodology for acquiring traffic volumes at intersections within Caltrans Right-of-Way. If traffic volumes were taken as throughput counts (traffic discharged counts during green phases) and not demand counts (traffic counts upon arrival to the intersections, the analysis may underestimate the extent of delays at the intersections.

Throughput counts may not reflect the future traffic conditions and underestimate the extent of the delays at the intersections.

Permits:

4. Any project work proposed in the vicinity of the State ROW would require an encroachment permit and all environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. If the environmental documentation for the project does not meet Caltrans's requirements for work done within State ROW, additional documentation would be required before approval of the encroachment permit. Please coordinate with Caltrans to meet requirements for any work within or near State ROW. For specific details for Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to the Caltrans's Encroachment Permits Manual at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>

Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Jude Miranda at (657) 328-6229 or Jude.Miranda@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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