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Ms. Martha Blake  
City of San Diego  
1222 First Avenue, MS-501  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Blake:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has received the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) dated, August 11, 2015, for the Stadium Reconstruction Project located adjacent to the Interstate 15 (I-15) at Friars Road.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities of infill, conservation, and efficient development. To ensure a safe, efficient, and reliable transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multi-modal transportation network.

Caltrans recognizes that there is a strong link between transportation and land use. Development can have a significant impact on traffic and congestion on State transportation facilities. In particular, the pattern of land use can affect both total vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and the number of trips per household. Therefore, Caltrans encourages local agencies as part of their Community Plan updates to work towards a safe, functional, interconnected, multi-modal system integrated with land use planning that supports the concept of a local circulation system which is pedestrian, bicycle, and transit-friendly in order to enable residents to choose alternative modes of transportation. Transit accommodations can be accomplished through the provision of park and ride facilities, bicycle access, signal prioritization for transit, or other enhancements which can improve mobility and alleviate traffic impacts.

If it is determined that traffic restrictions and detours are needed on or affecting State highways, a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) or construction Traffic Impact Study (TIS) may be required of the developer for approval by Caltrans prior to construction. Traffic restrictions and pedestrian / bicycle detours may also need to be addressed. TMPs must be prepared in accordance with Caltrans' Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Further information is available for download at the following web address: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/mutcdsupp/pdf/camutcd2012/Part6.pdf>

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Caltrans Supports Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs, as identified in the DEIR, that are designed to reduce or shift demand for transportation by commuters through various means, such as the use of public transportation, carpooling, vanpooling, bicycling, walking, and telework. Additionally, TDM strategies can be used to manage congestion during peak periods and special events.

SANDAG, in partnership with Caltrans, MTS, and the City of San Diego, has undertaken the I-8 Corridor Study. The I-8 Corridor Study implementation strategy developed will address TDM needs and opportunities while implementing the recommended Active Transportation improvements. Please coordinate with this effort when developing TDM strategies

If you have any questions on the comments Caltrans has provided, please contact Roy Abboud of the Development Review Branch at (619) 688-6968 or email [roy.abboud@dot.ca.gov](mailto:roy.abboud@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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