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Dear Mr. Chung

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Draft Environmental Document for the City of Garden Grove Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments. The City of Garden Grove is proposing to amend the Housing, Land Use, and Safety Element to the Garden Grove General Plan as well as preparing an Environmental Justice Element to the General Plan. The is also proposing multiple amendments to Title 9 (Land Use) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to bring the Municipal Code in compliance with the Amended General Plan.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Caltrans is a responsible agency on this project and has the following comments:

Transportation Planning

1. Caltrans supports the development of Complete Streets that include high-quality pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities that are safe and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets promote regional connectivity, improve air quality and public health, reduce congestion, promote improved first-/last-mile connections, and increase safety for all modes of transportation. Continue to promote the development of Complete Streets facilities in the City.
2. Please consider including a discussion on the relationship between Housing Element, Land Use Element, Safety Element and alternative modes of transportation in the Update of the Focused General. The discussion could

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indicate how different modes of transportation can impact the Housing Element, Land Use Element, and Safety Element and how policies and updates will affect transportation facilities and land use patterns, which can potentially impact different modes of transportation (regular vehicles, trucks, transit, bike, etc...). In the long run, traffic impacts of different modes of transportation will affect how policies are developed and adjusted. In addition, new and/or old development projects should incorporate opportunities to support sustainable and multimodal transportation options including but not limited to transit, walking, biking, electric cars, and bicycles.

3. Please enlarge the legend text in Exhibit 4.14-1 and 4.14-2
4. Exhibit 4.14-4 is titled as the "Master Plan of Bikeway Facilities," but it appears to show bus routes instead.

Encroachment Permits

5. In the event of any activity in Caltrans right of way an Encroachment Permit will be required. All environmental concerns must be addressed. If the environmental documentation for the project does not meet Caltrans requirements, additional documentation would be required before approval of the Encroachment Permit. For application forms and specific details on Caltrans Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to Encroachment Permits Manual. The latest edition of the Manual is available on:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/ep/apps.html>.

Please continue to coordinate with Caltrans for any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maryam Molavi, at (657) 328-6280 or Maryam.Molavi@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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