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Review of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Pepper Avenue Extension Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are intended to provide guidance to the lead agency and should be incorporated into the revised or final CEQA document.

The proposed project includes the construction of four additional traffic lanes extending Pepper Avenue north to the 210 Freeway. Based on Exhibit 2 (Local Vicinity Aerial Map) in the draft MND the proposed project will be constructed from the Caltrans right of way located immediately south of the existing 210 Freeway to the current end-of-pavement on Pepper Avenue located 500 feet north of Winchester Drive. AQMD staff is concerned about the potential localized construction air quality impacts to residents located immediately south of the project's terminus. Therefore, AQMD staff recommends that the lead agency revise the CEQA document to include a localized construction air quality analysis.¹ In the event that the lead agency's revised CEQA document demonstrates significant adverse air quality impacts the AQMD staff recommends that the lead agency require mitigation pursuant to Section 15370 of the CEQA Guidelines that could minimize or eliminate significant air quality impacts.²

AQMD staff is available to work with the lead agency to address these air quality issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Dan Garcia, Air Quality Specialist

¹ Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.htm>.

² A list of mitigation measures can be found on the AQMD's CEQA webpage at the following internet address: www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.htm

CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian V. MacMillan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ian MacMillan

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