

## **APPENDIX C**

### **APPENDIX C-2**

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**From:** Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 3:18 PM  
**To:** Allison Morrow  
**Cc:** Johnson, Anna@DOT  
**Subject:** FW: Acceptance of Invitation to Become a Participating Agency on I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project  
**Attachments:** DOT Letter.pdf

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Senior Environmental Planner  
Caltrans – District 7  
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**From:** Jason Kligier <Jason.Kligier@santamonica.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 5:59 PM  
**To:** Kosinski, Ron J@DOT <ron.kosinski@dot.ca.gov>  
**Cc:** Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>; Rachel Kwok <Rachel.Kwok@santamonica.gov>  
**Subject:** Acceptance of Invitation to Become a Participating Agency on I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project

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Dear Mr. Kosinski,

The City of Santa Monica accepts your attached invitation for our agency to become a participating agency on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project. Rachel Kwok, copied above, will be the primary lead for the City, with comments coming from various units across the agency. Please confirm receipt of this letter and we look forward to working with you.

Best,  
Jason



**Jason Kligier, AICP**

Acting Mobility Manager

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**FEMA**

July 1, 2021

Department of Transportation  
District 7  
Ronald Kosinski  
Deputy District Director  
100 S. Main Street, Suite 100  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Invitation to become a Participating Agency  
Interstate 405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project

This is in response to your letter dated June 23, 2021, requesting our agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to become a participating agency under the provision of the Efficient Environmental Review Process codified at 23 USC 139.

FEMA is committed in participating under the provision of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and is offering to provide input and comments related to its special expertise, limited specifically to floodplain management, for lack of jurisdiction and authority, as well as of expertise in the specific transportation field.

If you should require any additional information regarding this response, please feel free to contact me at (510) 627-7284 or at [Alessandro.amaglio@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Alessandro.amaglio@fema.dhs.gov). (preferred).

Sincerely,

**ALESSANDRO  
AMAGLIO**

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Alessandro Amaglio  
Environmental Officer  
FEMA Region IX



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July 22, 2021

Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director  
Division of Environmental Planning  
Caltrans, District 7  
100 S. Main Street, Suite 100  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Attn: Karl Price, Senior Environmental Planner  
Email: [Karl.Price@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Karl.Price@dot.ca.gov)

Dear Mr. Kosinski:

**SUBJECT: Interstate 405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project**

HUD Region IX received your June 23, 2021, letter requesting HUD serve as a participating agency on the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the subject project. Your letter notes that Caltrans, in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (acting as a sponsoring agency), is initiating an EIS for the proposed Interstate 405 (I-405) Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes project in Los Angeles County, California. Additionally, the letter explained that the purpose of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes project is to “reduce congestion and improve the overall movement of people and goods on I-405 and that the project is needed to address traffic congestion and related deficiencies on I-405 between US-101 and I-10 (Sepulveda Pass).” According to the letter, Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would require the addition of lanes to the current footprint of I-405. HUD accepts your invitation to serve as a participating agency on the EIS.

HUD’s Office of Environmental and Energy (OEE) has conducted a preliminary review of HUD-assisted properties in the vicinity of the proposed I-405 construction area (bordered to the north by Sherman Way and to the south by West Washington Boulevard) and evaluated the potential for the proposed project to affect such resources relative to the federal laws and authorities listed at 24 CFR §58.5, other requirements noted under 24 CFR §58.6, and HUD’s environmental criteria and standards at 24 CFR Part 51.

Based on the map included with your letter, HUD has identified two HUD-assisted properties below which could be affected by implementation of Alternatives 3, 4, and 5. The two HUD-assisted properties are:

- Orangewood Court Apartments (92 units), 5050 Sepulveda Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 (FHA Number 12211284)
- Diamond Head Apartments (83 units), 1554 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys, CA 91405 (FHA Number 12211291)

Because of the proximity of these properties to the proposed project, HUD would like to ensure that the EIS evaluates potential impacts from noise and localized air emissions (relative to HUD's environmental regulations and standards) at these locations.

Additional HUD-assisted properties may be within proximity of the proposed project; however, HUD will need more detailed mapping information to determine property locations with greater certainty. HUD requests that Caltrans provide GIS shape files of the proposed construction areas for each alternative to enable a comparison of HUD property location data with the proposed project's impact area.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the EIS process. HUD's point of contact for this project will be Elizabeth McDargh, OEE Senior Environmental Officer. Ms. McDargh can be reached at [Elizabeth.McDargh@hud.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.McDargh@hud.gov) or (213) 534-2578.

Sincerely,

G. Morgan Griffin  
Regional Environmental Officer

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**From:** Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 3:10 PM  
**To:** Allison Morrow  
**Cc:** Johnson, Anna@DOT  
**Subject:** FW: I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project

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**From:** Jui Ing Chien <jchien@parks.lacounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:14 AM  
**To:** Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project

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Hi Karl,

We received an invitation to become a participating agency on I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project. I reviewed the project study area and we do not have any facilities near the study area. As a local agency and declines to be a participating agency, are we required to do so in writing?

Thank you,  
Jui Ing

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**From:** Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:00 AM  
**To:** Allison Morrow  
**Cc:** Johnson, Anna@DOT  
**Subject:** 405 - CoLA Participating Agency  
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**From:** Eddie Guerrero <eddie.guerrero@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: RLATS

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Good Morning Karl,

Not sure if you needed a communication from LADOT to confirm our agreement to participate in this project but if so, hopefully this email will suffice and I will be happy to serve as the primary contact.

If a more formal communication is desired, just let me know and I will be happy to provide.

Regards.

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**From:** Tomas Carranza <[tomas.carranza@lacity.org](mailto:tomas.carranza@lacity.org)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 4:35 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: RLATS  
**To:** Eddie Guerrero <[eddie.guerrero@lacity.org](mailto:eddie.guerrero@lacity.org)>

Hi Eddie,

Please take a look at the attached letter from Caltrans requesting our participation in the 405 Express Lanes project. Let me know if you would like to participate or nominate Rob. I participated in the 110 Express Lanes project and there wasn't much for us to do back then other than provide any available ramp counts or connect them with signal timing staff.

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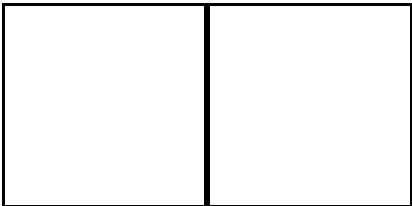
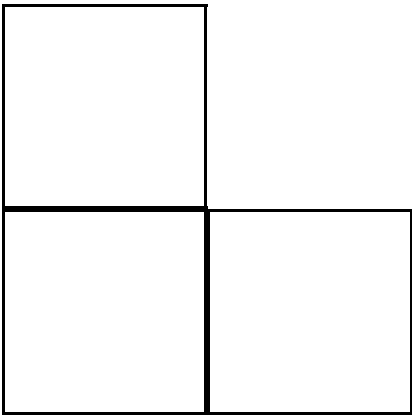
To: TOMAS CARRANZA <[TOMAS.CARRANZA@lacity.org](mailto:TOMAS.CARRANZA@lacity.org)>

Hi Tommy,

Please find the attached for necessary response by 7/23/201.

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		<b>Jasmin San Luis</b> Executive Administrative Assistant III Executive Office	
		Los Angeles Department of Transportation	
		213.972.8448	



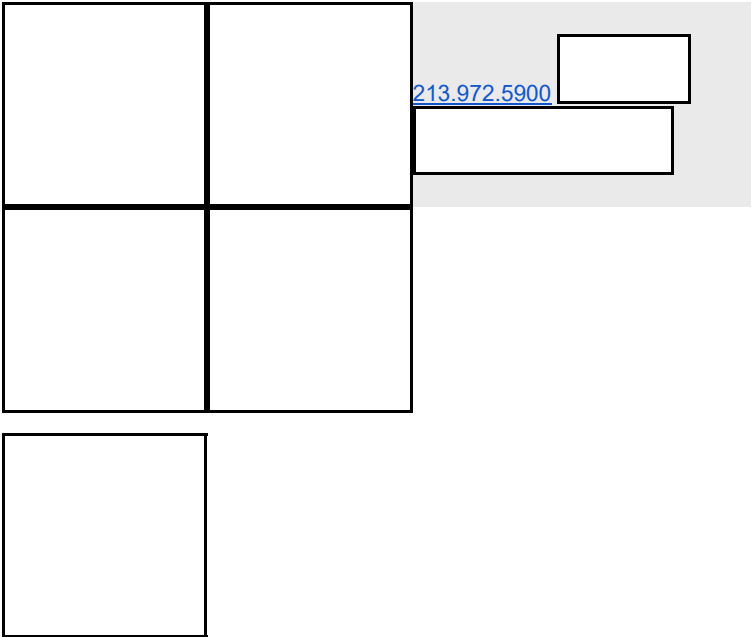
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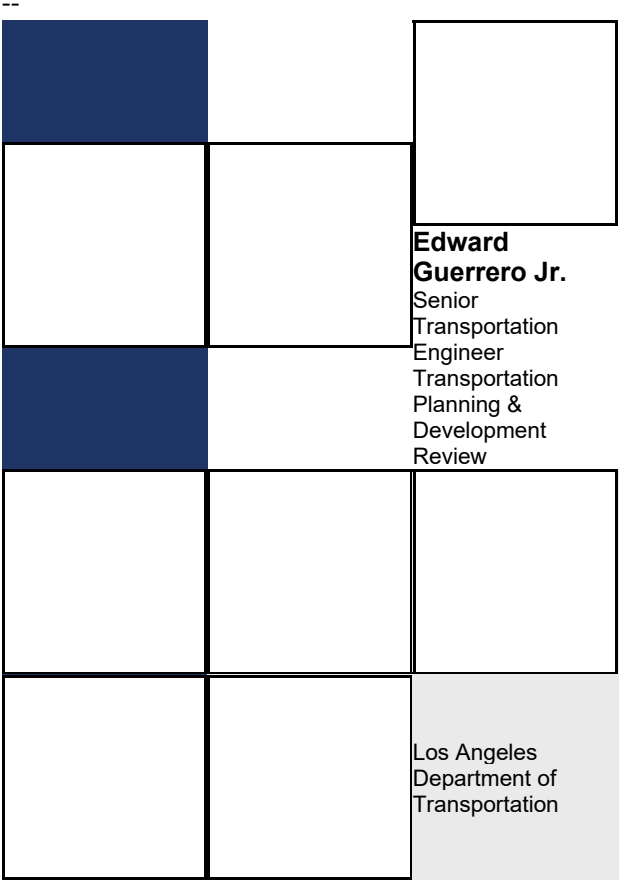
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**Tomas Carranza, PE**  
Principal Transportation Engineer  
Transportation Planning & Land Use Review

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**From:** Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 3:08 PM  
**To:** Allison Morrow  
**Cc:** Johnson, Anna@DOT  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation to Become a Participating Agency on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project

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**From:** Lijin Sun <LSun@aqmd.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** Kosinski, Ron J@DOT <ron.kosinski@dot.ca.gov>; Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>  
**Cc:** Susan Nakamura <SNakamura@aqmd.gov>  
**Subject:** Invitation to Become a Participating Agency on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project

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Dear Ms. Kosinski and Mr. Price,

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff appreciates the June 23, 2021 letter inviting the South Coast AQMD to participate in the environmental review process under NEPA for the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project. According to the letter, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is a NEPA document, will be initiated for the Project. The South Coast AQMD is a CEQA commenting agency. Staff reviews and may comment on the technical adequacy of the air quality analysis and health risk assessment, as well as recommend mitigation measures, as appropriate, to ensure that project's emissions and health risk impacts are adequately and sufficiently evaluated, disclosed, and mitigated to the maximum extent feasible. Since the invitation discusses preparation of an EIS and the NEPA process, South Coast AQMD staff would like to know what is the Project's environmental review process under CEQA. We are available, upon request, to provide technical consultation for the Project's CEQA air quality analysis.

Thank you,  
Lijin Sun  
Program Supervisor, CEQA IGR  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Direct: (909) 396-3308  
Fax: (909) 396-3324

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**From:** Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 3:20 PM  
**To:** Allison Morrow  
**Cc:** Johnson, Anna@DOT  
**Subject:** FW: I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project, Request to Corps-LA for Cooperating/Participating Agency; Corps Requests Time Extension for Response  
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**From:** Hall, Stephanie J CIV USARMY CESPL (USA) <Stephanie.J.Hall@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:39 PM  
**To:** Price, Karl F@DOT <karl.price@dot.ca.gov>; Kosinski, Ron J@DOT <ron.kosinski@dot.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project, Request to Corps-LA for Cooperating/Participating Agency; Corps Requests Time Extension for Response

Good Afternoon Gentlemen! I hope all remains well with you and yours.

It was just brought to my attention that the attached "Corps Request for Cooperating/Participating Agency for the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project" was sent to our Project Manager, Susan Meyer-Gallagas, in our Fort Schafter, Hawaii office! Susan had been on vacation and just returned, only to find this notification request in her in-box. The request letter is dated June 23, 2021. I'm sure you are aware that I am the Corps' Los Angeles District Regulatory Division Caltrans Liaison, and have been since 2006. As such, these types of notifications should ALWAYS be sent to me directly, so that I can take the appropriate action. I have just received this notification from Ms. Gallagas and Caltrans District 7 has requested a response by Friday, July 23, 2021, which is not possible due to the short notice. I hereby request an extension to the response request date to August 6, 2021, to provide sufficient time to assign the appropriate staff and draft a response. Please forward your request to me via email at Stephanie.J.Hall@usace.army.mil. Additionally, due to the Pandemic, the Corps has not been accepting receipt of hard-copy correspondence since March 27, 2020. However my mailing address may be used once we have returned to the Los Angeles District Office in November 2022. My mailing address will be as follows:

USACE-Los Angeles District  
Regulatory Division, CESPL-RG  
ATTN: Stephanie Hall, Caltrans Liaison  
915 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 930  
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3401

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

-Stephanie

Stephanie J. Hall  
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Caltrans Liaison  
Regulatory Division, Transportation & Special Projects Branch  
Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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From: Gayagas, Susan A CIV (USA) <Susan.A.Meyer@usace.army.mil>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 1:53 PM  
To: Hall, Stephanie J CIV USARMY CESPL (USA) <Stephanie.J.Hall@usace.army.mil>  
Cc: MacNeil, Spencer D CIV USARMY CESPL (USA) <Spencer.D.Macneil@usace.army.mil>  
Subject: FW: DOT

Hi Stephanie,

I hope you are doing well; no doubt you are busy! I recently returned from my extended vacation so I am in the midst of sifting through my emails that piled up while I was away. Honestly, it's overwhelming and it doesn't help any that our Outlook out-of-office greeting does not make it to senders external to USACE. At any rate, it's unclear why the attached letter was addressed or directed to me. Is this I-405 project something you are aware of? It's the first I heard of the project. When you have a chance, do you think you could let me know your thoughts and how you and Spencer would like to proceed? Thanks!

Best,  
Susan

Susan A. Meyer Gayagas  
Biologist, Senior Project Manager  
Regulatory Division, Transportation & Special Projects Branch (CESPL-RGT)  
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From: Novak, Yolanda D CIV (USA) <Yolanda.D.Novak@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 12:56 PM

To: Gayagas, Susan A CIV (USA) <Susan.A.Meyer@usace.army.mil>

Subject: DOT

Hi Susan,

Mail received today.

Yolanda D. Novak, Regulatory Assistant  
Regulatory Division, North Coast Branch, L.A. and San Bernardino Counties  
Section Los Angeles District,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers yolanda.d.novak@usace.army.mil

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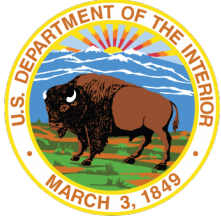
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July 15, 2021  
*Sent Electronically*

Ronald Kosinski  
Deputy District Director for Environmental  
California Department of Transportation – District 7  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Karl Price

Subject: Invitation to Become a Cooperating and/or Participating Agency on the Interstate 405  
Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Ronald Kosinski:

We received your letter dated June 23, 2021, requesting our participation as a cooperating and/or participating agency for the proposed the Interstate 405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project. The proposed project occurs in the jurisdictional boundaries of both the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office and the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office. At this time, we are unable to act as a cooperating agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the project due to workload constraints.

However, we will continue to provide technical assistance as a participating agency pursuant to 23 United States Code (USC) Section 139 and in accordance with Section 1304 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process and look forward to our continued coordination in these matters.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact [Sally Brown](mailto:sally_brown@fws.gov)<sup>1</sup> of this office at 760-431-9440, extension 278, or [Mark A. Elvin](mailto:mark_elvin@fws.gov)<sup>2</sup> in the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office at 805-677-3317.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. Snyder  
Assistant Field Supervisor

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