## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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September 23, 2020

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society Dr. Allan Pollack, President P.O. Box 221925 Newhall, CA 91322

Dear Dr. Pollack,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to install a temporary traffic signal system along a segment of State Route 126 (SR-126) at post mile (PM) 2.73 in Los Angeles County, California (see attached map for specific location). Caltrans proposes to install a temporary traffic signal system at the intersection of SR-126 and Chiquito Canyon Road, modify the existing pavement delineation, and connect the permanent power supply line from Southern California Edison (SCE). The scope of the project consists of the following improvements:

- Install traffic signal system using wood poles augured 11-feet below original ground surface and span wires at Chiquito Canyon Road intersection.
- Modify the existing pavement delineation.
- Connect the permanent power supply by trenching 60 feet of conduit to a depth of approximately 30-inches from SCE.

The purpose of these improvements is to reduce the frequency and severity of accidents, particularly broadside collisions at the intersection of SR-126 and Chiquito Canyon Road. The temporary signals will provide the right-of-way to motorists in situations where gaps within the traffic stream are not available.

Caltrans is conducting a study of potential impacts to historical resources as a result of the proposed project, as required under the California Environmental Quality Act. As such, we are seeking information from potentially interested parties, such as your organization. Caltrans would appreciate any input you may provide regarding the presence of potential or known historical resources within the project location and/or immediate vicinity. Early identification of historical resources will ensure their consideration and protection to the maximum extent feasible.

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If you know of any historical resources that could be impacted by the proposed project, or if you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at dustin.kay@dot.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 335-0015. GPA Consulting has been tasked with preparing the historical resources study for the project. If you know of any historical resources that could be impacted by the proposed project, or if you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Emily Rinaldi at emily@gpaconsulting-us.com or by phone at (310) 792-2690 extension 126.

If you would like to comment on the proposed project as it relates to historical resources, we would appreciate your response by no later than November 6, 2020 so that your comments can be included in our study.

Sincerely,

Dustin Kay, B.S.

Associate Environmental Planner, Archaeology

**Enclosure: Project Location Map** 

