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SUBJECT: Scoping Meeting Comments Summary

A summary of the oral comments received at the November 30th EIR scoping meeting are provided below.

Traffic:

Most comments focused on traffic and parking issues and requested that the traffic study address the following concerns:

Include traffic from the North Newhall Specific Plan in traffic study.

What will the new speed limit on Deputy Jake Drive be as the new connection will facilitate faster moving traffic when high speeds are already an issue.

Dockweiler Drive will become a "semi-highway" and a large volume of fast moving traffic will be directed past residences.

The Dockweiler Drive connection will result in heavier traffic that will be incompatible with the new campus entry and traffic backup will occur.

Motorists on Sierra Highway will use Dockweiler Drive and Deputy Jake as shortcuts to avoid heavy traffic on the highway.

Additional traffic combined with existing McGrath Elementary school traffic will cause backups.

Will Deputy Jake roadway width be adequate to handle additional traffic volumes?

How will bus traffic be handled, will there be bus turnouts?

How many new traffic signals will be placed on Dockweiler and Deputy Jake Drives? What traffic controls will be installed?

Will the addition of new traffic signals result in backup issues at railroad crossing?

Residential access may become an issue on Deputy Jake Drive, Leonard Tree Lane and Valle del Oro.

Why does Deputy Jake need to connect to Dockweiler Drive?

If stop lights are installed they should be synchronized?

Parking:

Students will park off-campus on residential streets.

Insufficient parking supply, particularly at night, if no parking is allowed on Dockweiler Drive. Will parking lots be provided for parking that will be taken away from Dockweiler Drive?

Is there a requirement that students must park on campus?

Insufficient parking supply on Valle del Oro.

Pedestrian Safety:

Increased traffic will be unsafe for McGrath Elementary pedestrians.

Pedestrians along Dockweiler Drive will be unsafe due to increased traffic. There are no sidewalks now—are sidewalks proposed for Dockweiler drive?

Pedestrian safety may be an issue off of Valle del Oro where there is an apartment complex and no crosswalk.

Biology:

What are project impacts to local wildlife and habitats?

Noise:

Increased noise at local residences due to additional traffic.

Flooding:

Further development in the canyon will result in flooding hazards.

Hidden Knolls:

31 out of 52 Hidden Knolls residents have signed letters indicating that they feel the proposed town homes will decrease their standard of living, increase noise, dust, parking issues, traffic, vehicle accidents, crime, decrease their property values and impair existing views.

Sheriff:

Will the people who are living in the creek contribute to crime in the proposed project.