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Ms. Marjie Kirn
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Dear Ms. Kirn:

This letter is in response to a question raised to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) during the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Board meeting held on May 16, 2019.

Director Holly Sierra asked for more information on the Caltrans pedestrian improvement project on State Route (SR) 246 in Buellton.

Response: The referenced improvement at SR 246 and La Lata Drive in Buellton is part of a larger project to improve pedestrian safety at multiple locations in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. Specifically, this project enhances pedestrian crossings with refreshed crosswalk striping and installation of new signs and rectangular rapid flashing beacons. At La Lata Drive the project will also construct a raised median refuge for pedestrians and make modifications to the left-turn lane. This \$500,000 project will make upgrades at a total of 10 locations in Santa Barbara County, nine of which are located along Ocean Avenue (SR 1) in the city of Lompoc. The project, funded from the State Highway Operations and Preservation Program (SHOPP) is expected to be complete by fall 2019.

Thank you for your interest and your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Gubbins".

Handwritten initials "TG" in blue ink.

TIMOTHY M. GUBBINS
District Director