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## **City of Wasco Transportation Impacts**

The proposed coal fuel supply from the Savage Coal terminal in the City of Wasco will result in a significant increase in truck traffic within the city of Wasco along with noise and air quality impacts. These impacts may be concentrated on Highway 43 and Poso Avenue within the City due to the potential closure of Wasco Avenue due to the High Speed Rail alignment through Wasco. These impacts need identified mitigations and the traffic analysis should be revised to account for the potential closure of Wasco Avenue between Kimberlina and Poso Avenue.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



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California Energy Commission  
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**RE: Hydrogen Energy California – Preliminary Staff Assessment / Draft Environmental Impact Statement (08-AFC-8A)**

California Energy Commission Staff:

The City of Wasco has reviewed the above referenced document and has the following comments regarding transportation alternative 2 and the use of the existing Coal Terminal Facility located in Wasco to supply coal to the proposed hydrogen energy facility:

1. The use of the existing Coal Terminal Facility in Wasco to supply the proposed plant with coal (Transportation Alternative 2), will require an amendment of the existing terminal facility's City of Wasco Conditional Use Permit. This should be indicated in the document on page 3.1-4 in the "Project Location and Jurisdiction" section.
2. The document is unclear with respect to the total number of daily truck trips proposed from the Wasco Coal Terminal under Transportation Alternative 2. Please clarify the total number of daily truck trips proposed from this facility, what the likely hourly number of trips will be and the total number of hours per day the coal terminal facility will be in operation.
3. This document did not consider the impacts of the proposed High Speed Rail Facility as it relates to this project. The High Speed Rail alignment currently under consideration will terminate Wasco Avenue at approximately the Jackson Avenue alignment. This would eliminate the Wasco Avenue transportation route as an option for this project and would require the project to rely solely on the proposed Highway 43 Route through Wasco.
4. This document does not propose adequate mitigation measures to address the impacts to local streets and intersections in Wasco, especially in light of the potential loss of the proposed Wasco Avenue route due to the proposed High Speed Rail alignment. Additionally, this document does not identify the possibility of truck traffic associated with the project using alternate routes to access local commercial services and fueling

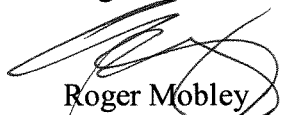


stations. Please identify the following as recommended mitigation measures for Transportation Alternative 2:

- a. Reconstruction of "J" Street from Poso Avenue to State Highway 46 to a T.I. of 9 standard.
- b. Reconstruction of Poso Avenue from State Highway 43 to "J" Street to a T.I. of 9 standard.
- c. In accordance with California Department of Transportation standards, installation of a traffic signal or payment of in lieu fees for signalization of the intersection of Poso and State Highway 43.
- d. Restrict project truck trips in Wasco to between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,



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