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**Subject:** Whitewater River Bike Path - Cathedral City Fire Dept. Input

Mr. Criste,

The Cathedral City Fire Dept. appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the Whitewater River Bike Path - CUP 16-001.

We agree with the CEQA IS/MND analysis on Page 54 Item 14. Public Services a) i. Fire Protection.

In addition to fire protection, the pathway may generate additional emergency medical services, which are provided by the Cathedral City F.D. along this pathway segment.

To improve the level of 9-1-1 services along the pathway, the following items are recommended;

1. Signage along the pathway should encourage proper hydration and indicate "Call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency".
2. A regional location identification signage system (like highway mileposts), should be developed in conjunction with CVAG and be posted along the pathway in quarter mile or less increments, as pathway (trail) points.

This enables someone who experiences or encounters a medical emergency to call 9-1-1 and identify their location on the pathway e.g. pathway (trail) point 1.25 in Cathedral City.

3. Access and Entry Points (by others) should include signage indicating the direction of pathway (trail) points, for emergency responders (Police or Fire/EMS) to locate callers reporting an emergency.

We trust this input assists the development of the project and provides for greater public safety for the pathway users.

Respectfully,  
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