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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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**STATE CLEARING HOUSE**

### **Re: City of Martinez General Plan Update Notice of Preparation (NOP)**

Dear Hector J. Rojas:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the City of Martinez General Plan Update (project). We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the January 2022 NOP.

#### **Project Understanding**

The project includes the update of the General Plan. In addition, the City of Martinez (City) will prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the project. The DEIR will address the environmental impacts associated with the adoption and implementation of the proposed project. The project encompasses the entire City and is located along segments of State Route (SR)-4 and Interstate (I)-680.

#### **Travel Demand Analysis**

With the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 743, Caltrans is focused on maximizing efficient development patterns, innovative travel demand reduction strategies, and multimodal improvements. For more information on how Caltrans assesses Transportation Impact Studies, please review Caltrans' Transportation Impact Study Guide ([link](#)). Please note that current and future land use projects proposed near and adjacent to the State Transportation Network (STN) shall be assessed, in part, through the TISG.

Additionally, Caltrans requests that the City of Martinez General Plan Update is consistent with California Government Code Section 65088-65089.10 Congestion Management.

As well, the City is requested to gain a determination of conformity from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to determine that the City of Martinez General Plan Update is consistent with and conforms to the Regional Transportation Plan Consistency Requirements of the County's Congestion Management Plan (CMP).

**Transportation Impact Fees**

We encourage a sufficient allocation of fair share contributions toward multimodal and regional transit improvements to fully mitigate cumulative impacts to regional transportation. We also strongly support measures to increase sustainable mode shares, thereby reducing VMT. Caltrans welcomes the opportunity to work with the City and local partners to secure the funding for needed mitigation. Traffic mitigation- or cooperative agreements are examples of such measures.

If proposed projects within the City of Martinez General Plan Update are determined to have significant impacts on State facilities, travel modes, or programs, Caltrans suggests the following Regional Transportation Plan (Plan Bay Area 2050) project for fair share contributions:

RTP ID	Project Description
21-T11-099	This program includes funding to implement new privately operated ferry service between San Francisco and Antioch, Martinez and Hercules, including new ferry terminals (2-5 peak trips per day).

**Equitable Access**

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MARK LEONG  
District Branch Chief  
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c: State Clearinghouse