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### **Re: Gateway of the Pacific ("GOP") 4 Density Transfer Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR)**

Dear Billy Gross:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the GOP 4 Density Transfer 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 Draft SEIR.

#### **Project Understanding**

The project would transfer up to 120,221 square feet of development potential from undeveloped adjacent property to expand one of the buildings approved for Phase 4 of the GOP 4 by that amount, to be configured in four additional floors. The project also proposes the addition of 240 parking stalls. The project is located roughly 0.4 miles southeast of the United States Route (US)-101/ Oyster Point Boulevard interchange in South San Francisco.

#### **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](#)).

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Caltrans commends the Lead Agency regarding the proposed First-and Last-Mile transit connections and active transportation improvements. This project potentially supports the State's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve multimodal transportation options for land use development.

The project VMT analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory.

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,



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