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Zachary Dahl, Planning Services Manager

City of Los Altos

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Los Altos, CA 94002

Project - 5150 El Camino Real Residential Development Mitigate Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Zachary Dahl:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project. In tandem with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Caltrans' mission signals our continuing approach to evaluate and mitigate impacts to the State's multimodal transportation network. Caltrans' Strategic Management Plan 2015-2020 aims, in part, to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas emissions (GHG) in alignment with state goals and policies. Our comments are based on the July 2019 MND.

Project Understanding

The project proposes a Conditional Use Permit to demolish the existing office building on the site and redevelop the site with two five-story condominium buildings above one level of below-grade parking, two three-story townhome buildings with individual garages, surface visitor parking, and associated on-site improvements and landscaping. In total, the project would provide 196 residential units. The condominium buildings would provide 172 residential units and approximately 183,650 square feet. The townhome buildings would provide 24 residential units and approximately 45,200 square feet. Regional access is provided via State Route (SR)-82.

Construction-Related Impacts

Since runoff from the project site will be discharged to the underground State drainage facilities along State Route (SR)-82, the project lead needs to provide calculations of the site design discharge for both pre- and post-project. Any increased flow into the State's drainage facilities shall be mitigated to the pre-project level. The details of any new connection to the state drainage facility needs to be provided for review and approval.

Other potential impacts to SR-82 from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on state roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>.

Prior to construction, coordination is required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to SR-82.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of Los Altos is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches SR-82 requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. To obtain an encroachment permit, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, six (6) sets of plans clearly indicating the State Right-of Way, and six (6) copies of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans must be submitted to: Office of Encroachment Permits, California DOT, District 4, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660. To download the permit application and obtain more information, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mark Leong at 510-286-1644 or mark.leong@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'WR' followed by a flourish and the letters 'for'.

Wahida Rashid
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Local Development - Intergovernmental Review

c: State Clearinghouse