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Lauren Barr, Planning Services Manager
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CityWalk Master Plan- Draft Environmental Impact Review (EIR)

Dear Lauren Barr:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 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 July 2020 DEIR.

Project Understanding

The proposed project lays out the plan for the development of residential uses, commercial uses, and public facilities within the Master Plan area to complement and support City Center Bishop Ranch. The project plan proposes up to 4,500 dwelling units, a 169-key hotel, 166,000 square feet of commercial uses, three new parking structures, and publicly accessible, but privately owned and maintained park and public spaces. Fifteen percent of the 4,500 units would be deed-restricted as affordable to low and very low-income households per the City's inclusionary housing requirements. The site is located in San Ramon and is bounded by Bishop Drive from the west, Camino Ramon from the east, Executive Parkway from the North, and Bollinger Canyon Road from the South. Regional access is provided by I-680 and is approximately 1,900 feet from the Bollinger Canyon Road on- and off-ramps. The site is within a planned Priority Development Area and is within 1/4 mile of bus transit service.

Multimodal Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

Section 3.14.12 of the DEIR- Caltrans requests that the EIR correctly note that Bollinger Canyon Rd. has a sidewalk open to bicyclists on the south side. This project may contribute to increased bicycle demand and travel demand in general, but provides limited network connectivity for bicyclists to the shared-use path on the south side of Bollinger Canyon Rd. (This facility is a sidewalk on which cyclists are permitted to ride, and is classified as Class III on exhibit 3.14-4). Cyclists continuing south from the western portion of the plan area must negotiate a high stress environment on Sunset Dr. or travel out of direction considerably.

The City of San Ramon Bicycle Master Plan (April 2018) states, "Traveling on Sunset Drive was specifically called out as being uncomfortable and that getting to the City Center from San Ramon Valley Boulevard is difficult." Please clarify how this project will impact demand for bicycle access at Sunset Dr., between Bishop Dr. and Bollinger Canyon Rd.

We encourage the lead agency to condition this project to include, or pay impact fees towards, low stress bicycle improvements on Sunset Road between Bishop Dr. and Bollinger Canyon Rd. Such improvements include buffered Class II or Class IV bike lanes and Intersection improvements to allow cyclists on Sunset Drive to access the shared-use path on the south side of Bollinger Canyon Road. This would conform with policies and goals identified in the City of San Ramon Bicycle Master Plan.

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Per our September 2019 letter, our request for complete drainage plans and calculations still stands. Please demonstrate whether the proposed project connects to Caltrans existing drainage system and the potential impacts of this project on the existing drainage system, mentioned in Appendix K.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or further project documents, please contact Laurel Sears at laurel.sears@dot.ca.gov. For future Agency project notices, please address to LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal tail on the "g".

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c: State Clearinghouse