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Tom Smith, Senior Planner  
City of Menlo Park  
701 Laurel Street  
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**Re: Menlo Uptown Station + Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

Dear Tom Smith:

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 December 2020 Draft EIR (DEIR).

**Project Understanding**

The project proposes redevelopment of this site with three residential buildings totaling approximately 483 residential units, as well as approximately 2,100 square feet of commercial space, associated open space, circulation and parking. A total of 512 unbundled parking spaces would be included within two two-story parking garages integrated into the apartment buildings. The site is located north of US-101 and south of State Route (SR)-84, and is accessible via Chrysler Drive and Constitution Drive.

**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.

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Caltrans acknowledges that the project Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory. Per the DEIR, this project is found to have significant VMT impact and, subsequently, transportation demand measures have been identified to mitigate the impacts when possible.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Laurel Sears at [laurel.sears@dot.ca.gov](mailto:laurel.sears@dot.ca.gov). Additionally, for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please contact [LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto: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 stroke at the end.

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District Branch Chief  
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c: State Clearinghouse