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Scott Orr, Interim Deputy Director of Planning
County of Sonoma Permit and Resource
Department
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PLP13-0023 Woody's Red Rocket Fuel – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Scott Orr:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the PLP13-0023 Woody's Red Rocket Fuel 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 May 2020 Proposed MND.

Project Understanding

The applicant proposes to construct a gasoline fuel station, convenience market, car wash, and recreational vehicle storage facility on a developed parcel. The gas station/convenience market/car wash operations would be located on the western portion of the site within a total area of approximately 1.78 acres. The remaining 1.16 acres would be used for recreational vehicle storage. The operation would employ 2 full-time employees. The gas station/convenience market/car wash would be open to the public and would contain a retail component with operational hours of 5:00 AM to 1:00 PM daily. The project is adjacent to State Route (SR)-12 between Llano Road and Irwin Lane.

Highway Operations

For operational analyses, traffic data within the last three (3) years is preferred because it provides a better representation of the current existing conditions. Please state how 2014 traffic volumes compare against more recent (less than 3 years old) traffic volumes.

Mitigation measure TRAF-1 proposes to have a continuous two-way left-turn lane between Irwin Lane and Llano Road. Please explain why the intersection of SR-12/Irwin Lane is not studied. Additionally, explain the turning movements at this intersection.

Caltrans Coordination

Please coordinate this project with Caltrans Capital Preventive Maintenance (CAPM) Project 04-0K4520. Note that this project may upgrade the crosswalks and American Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps at SR-12 and Llano Avenue.

Proposed mitigation measures and construction work along SR-12 should be coordinated with Caltrans in advance prior to start of project.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Considerations

As stated under mitigation measure TRAF-1B, Caltrans agrees that a marked crossing should be planned for Llano Road at the Joe Rodota Trail (Trail) to prevent the trail being blocked if queues form due to the new development. Note that while "Keep Clear" markings are planned for the driveway on Llano Road, the queue could back up, therefore blocking the trail.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the County of Sonoma is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network (STN). 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

The existing driveway on SR-12 may need to be updated to current Caltrans standards. An encroachment permit is required for the driveway work and proposed restriping on SR-12.

Construction may result in delays along SR-12. Therefore, please submit proposed work hours including shoulder/lane closures on SR-12, if applicable, and obtain concurrence from Caltrans Traffic Management Office, as part of

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the encroachment permit process.

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet ADA Standards after project completion. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application, six (6) sets of plans clearly delineating the State ROW, six (6) copies of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement.

To download the permit application and to obtain more information on all required documentation, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Andrew Chan at 510-622-5433 or andrew.chan@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse