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Albert Lopez, Planning Director
Alameda County Community Development
Agency
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Monte Vista Memorial Gardens PLN2017-194 – Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Dear Albert Lopez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Monte Vista Memorial Gardens 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 NOP.

Project Understanding

The proposed project would develop a cemetery and include a funeral home with crematorium, burial lots, an entry plaza, internal roadways, parking, landscaping, new wetlands, lakes, and other associated infrastructure and improvements. The Project would be developed at 3656 Las Colinas Road, Livermore, CA in unincorporated Alameda County. Development of the Project would occur on approximately 47 acres in the southern portion of the ±104-acre parcel (Assessor's Parcel Number 099-0015-016-03) just north of the City of Livermore between the Interstate (I)-580 North Livermore Avenue and North First Street exits.

Hydraulics

Please clearly describe the impact of the proposed development drainage system to the existing facility to determine whether there are impacts to the existing Caltrans storm drain facility. Please provide a Hydrology study that

includes a drainage plan. This study should include existing and proposed drainage patterns and any impacts on the existing drainage draining to State's drainage system. Provide calculation for post-construction 25-year peak flows do not exceed the 25-year pre-construction flows.

Transportation Impact Fees

Please identify project-generated travel demand and estimate the costs of transit and active transportation improvements potentially necessitated by the proposed project; viable funding sources such as development and/or transportation impact fees should also be identified. We encourage a sufficient allocation of fair share contributions toward multi-modal and regional transit improvements to fully mitigate cumulative impacts to regional transportation. We also strongly support measures to increase sustainable mode shares, thereby reducing VMT.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, Alameda County 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

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto the ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (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>.

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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 Laurel Sears at laurel.sears@dot.ca.gov. Additionally, for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please contact 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.

Mark Leong
District Branch Chief
Local Development - Intergovernmental Review

c: State Clearinghouse