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Jennifer Armer, Senior Planner
Town of Los Gatos
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Re: Town of Los Gatos 2040 General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Jennifer Armer:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Town of Los Gatos 2040 General Plan Update. 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 2021 DEIR.

Project Understanding

The project proposes a comprehensive update to the Town of Los Gatos General Plan, which would provide the basis for future land use and resource decisions made by the Town Council and Planning Commission. The 2040 General Plan would emphasize infill and reuse development within the Town limits through increased density and mixed-use projects. The Plan would also provide a framework for guiding future developments toward land uses that support walking and biking.

Travel Demand Analysis

Caltrans supports the Town's effort to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures to reduce resident and employee-based Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). The project VMT analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory. Caltrans acknowledges the mitigation and TDM strategies

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incorporated into the DEIR and supports the implementation and monitoring of these strategies.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the Town of Los Gatos 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.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Llisel Ayon at Llisel.Ayon@dot.ca.gov. Additionally, for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email 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
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c: State Clearinghouse