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Leigha Schmidt, Senior Planner
City of Hayward
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Re: 4150 Point Eden Way + Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Leigha Schmidt:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 4150 Point Eden Way 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 2021 DEIR.

Project Understanding

The proposed project is located at 4150 Point Eden Way in Hayward, adjacent to State Route (SR)-92. The site is divided into the eastern component and western component. The proposed project consists of a new industrial building on the eastern component of the project site and establishing a wetland preserve on the western component. The building would be used to house U-Haul storage pods, materials and trucks and their regional corporate offices. The San Francisco Bay Trail is located on the eastern edge of the eastern component of the project site. The proposed project includes a land swap for East Bay Regional Park District to relocate the Bay Trail from the current location along the eastern property line to meander along the southern property line and then to turn north to run along the western property line. The proposed project also includes establishing a preserve on the western component of the project site, which are currently characterized by salt evaporation ponds from the former salt production operation on the project site that would remain in place.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of Hayward is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to SR-92. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Construction-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to the State Right-of-Way (ROW) from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on state roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>.

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to SR-92.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto the ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. 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 package, digital set of plans clearly delineating the State ROW, digital copy 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. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

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

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

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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 tail stroke extending to the right.

MARK LEONG

District Branch Chief

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c: State Clearinghouse