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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Re: South San Francisco General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments, and Climate Action Plan Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Dear Billy Gross:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the South San Francisco General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments, and Climate Action Plan (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 revised January 2022 NOP.

Project Understanding

The project includes the update of the South San Francisco General Plan; amendments to the Zoning Code; and the update of the Climate Action Plan. In addition, the City of South San Francisco (City) will prepare a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the project. The DEIR will evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with adoption and implementation of the project. The project encompasses the entire City and is located along segments of State Route (SR)-82 (El Camino Real), Interstate (I)-280, and United States Route (US)-101.

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 ([link](#)). Please note that current and future land use projects proposed near and

adjacent to the State Transportation Network (STN) shall be assessed, in part, through the TISG.

Transportation Impact Fees

We encourage a sufficient allocation of fair share contributions toward multimodal 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. Caltrans welcomes the opportunity to work with the City and local partners to secure the funding for needed mitigation. Traffic mitigation- or cooperative agreements are examples of such measures.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of South San Francisco 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.

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.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse