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City of Rohnert Park
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Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Re: Rohnert Park 2040 General Plan Update and 2023-2031 Housing Element Update Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Jeffrey Beiswenger:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Rohnert Park 2040 General Plan Update and 2023-2031 Housing Element 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 February 2022 NOP.

Project Understanding

The project includes the update of the General Plan and Housing element for the City of Rohnert Park. The City will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the project. The DEIR will address the environmental impacts associated with the adoption and implementation of the proposed project. The project encompasses the entire City and is located along segments of 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.

Additionally, Caltrans requests that the City of Rohnert Park General Plan Update is consistent with California Government Code Section 65088-65089.10 Congestion Management.

As well, the City is requested to gain a determination of conformity from the Sonoma County Transportation Authority to determine that the City of Rohnert Park General Plan Update is consistent with and conforms to the Regional Transportation Plan Consistency Requirements of the County's Congestion Management Plan (CMP).

Transportation Impact Fees

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. 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 Rohnert Park is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the 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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Local Development Review

c: State Clearinghouse