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Andrew Thomas, Senior Planner
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Re: Alameda General Plan 2040 + Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Andrew Thomas:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Alameda General Plan 2040 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

Alameda General Plan 2040 is a statement of goals, objectives, policies and actions to guide and manage change to the physical, environmental, economic, and social conditions in Alameda, California. Alameda General Plan 2040 is an update to the Alameda General Plan, which was last comprehensively updated in 1991. The update does not include an update to the Housing Element, which will be updated in 2022. The General Plan and the associated policies and actions in each element provide a policy framework to guide future decisions to achieve four overarching themes: 1) to promote a healthy, equitable and inclusive city, 2) to protect the environment, respond to the climate crisis and meet regional responsibilities, 3) to enhance mobility and accessibility, and 4) to preserve and enhance Alameda's distinctive character.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of Alameda is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network (STN), including State Route (SR)-61. 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 and Standards

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.

Please ensure that all lane widths, sidewalk widths, and other roadway design must be in accordance to Caltrans standards.

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,



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c: State Clearinghouse