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Jeanie Poling, Environmental Planner
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Re: 1200 Van Ness – Draft Initial Study/Mitigated negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Dear Jeanie Poling:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this 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 Draft IS/MND.

Project Understanding

The proposed project would demolish an existing five-story building complex and construct a new 13-story building containing 106,700 square feet (s.f.) of health service uses, 24,520 s.f. of retail uses, 4,340 s.f. of restaurant uses, 107 residential units, and a 275-space below-grade accessory parking space. This 37,830-s.f. project site is located directly adjacent to Van Ness Ave (US-101).

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City and County of San Francisco is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to US-101. 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.

Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on state roadways, temporary parking, and/or travel lane closures on US-101 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 US-101.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto US-101 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 Right-of-Way, 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>.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Yunsheng Luo at Yunsheng.Luo@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 stroke at the end.

MARK LEONG
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c: State Clearinghouse