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### **Re: Fairfield Forward 2050: City of Fairfield Comprehensive General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Jessie Hernandez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Fairfield Forward 2050 project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the July 2024 DEIR.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

#### **Project Understanding**

The project consists of a comprehensive update to all elements of the City of Fairfield's General Plan, apart from the Housing Element, which was adopted in 2023, and includes a new Environmental Justice Element. It also includes the Climate Action Plan, which contains a community-wide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and a strategy for reducing them to achieve State-mandated targets.

#### **Travel Demand Analysis**

The project vehicle miles traveled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the City's adopted VMT policy. Per the DEIR, this project is found to have significant and unavoidable VMT impacts. Caltrans commends the City for incorporating California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) measures to reduce VMT and for requiring project level transportation demand management (TDM) plans. The proposed measures identified

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in any TDM plans should be documented with annual monitoring reports to demonstrate effectiveness.

Additionally, please provide a full copy of the traffic impact analysis and consider using traffic volumes collected within the past 3-year period. Lastly, please note under page 3.15-3, Roadway Network, that access from Eastbound Interstate (I)-80 to Westbound State Route (SR)-12 via Red Top Road has been blocked. New Access is available via the Green Valley Road Interchange.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Llisel Ayon, Associate Transportation Planner, via [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luo Yunsheng'.

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