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Lindy Chan, Principal Planner
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Re: Redwood City Transit District Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR)

Dear Lindy Chan:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Redwood City Transit District 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 2022 draft SEIR.

Project Understanding

The project would create a Transit District overlay within the Downtown Precise Plan to allow for redevelopment of the existing Transit Center and Sequoia Station properties, reserve space for a potential future four-track Caltrain station north of the existing station, as well as circulation improvements to ensure adequate vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian connections. The project would also establish office and residential development caps within the Transit District.

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](#)).

Caltrans' acknowledges that the project Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory. Per the SEIR, the Project is

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considered to have a less-than-significant VMT impact, and no VMT mitigation measures are required.

Active Transportation

Caltrans acknowledges and supports the Project's commitments to bicycle and pedestrian access, notably increasing bicycle parking requirements as infill development changes parking demand.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng".

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c: State Clearinghouse