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Aaron Hecock, Senior Planner
City of St. Helena
1572 Railroad Avenue
St. Helena, CA 94574

Re: Mills Lane Storm Drain Improvement Project – Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Dear Aaron Hecock:

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 September 2021 Draft IS/MND.

Project Understanding

The proposed project would construct a new storm drain within Mills Lanes from its intersection with State Route (SR)-29 east to Napa River. The total length of this proposed storm drain is approximately 4,900 feet.

Hydraulics

For any work performed within the State Right-of-Way (ROW) that requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit, please provide detailed information regarding any connections or modifications to the State drainage systems. Any engineering calculations for onsite systems out-letting to the State drainage system must be provided as well, including flow rates, shed areas and detention time.

Project Coordination

Please coordinate construction activities with Caltrans projects in vicinity, including but not limited to the following project:

- Project 04-4J3004: located in and near St. Helena and Calistoga, from York Creek Bridge to SR-128. This project calls for pavement preservation. Construction is expected to begin in April 2022.

Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways, and/or travel lane closures on SR-29 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 the State Transportation Network (STN).

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of St. Helena is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to 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.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto the State ROW 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 ROW, 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.

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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 email 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 tail stroke extending to the right.

MARK LEONG
District Branch Chief
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c: State Clearinghouse