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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Re: San Francisco Gateway Project – Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Elizabeth White:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 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 March 2022 NOP.

Project Understanding

The proposed project would demolish four existing single-story buildings and construct two new multi-story production, distribution and repair buildings. Each building would be 97 feet tall with a maximum height of 115 feet, including rooftop appurtenances. An elevated portion of I-280 bisects the project site. The project would also construct new sidewalks, plant street trees, install stormwater control measures, and provide accessible curb ramps surrounding the project site. An elevated portion of I-280 bisects the project site.

Hydrology

The Initial Study states that a certain percentage of the development would be constructed to encourage infiltration and reduce the amount of impervious surface. As proposed, the development would serve to improve on-site infiltration of surface flows. Caltrans looks forward to reviewing plans, reports and calculations demonstrating that post project surface flow runoff will be reduced in accordance

with the City and County of San Francisco's Stormwater Management Requirements and Design Guidelines.

It appears that existing flows from I-280 are conveyed to the City and County of San Francisco's combined stormwater and sewer systems. It does not appear that flow patterns from I-280 will be significantly altered or impeded due to the proposed development. However, if any proposed work will reduce or impede the ability for flow conveyance from the State drainage systems, Caltrans will need to review any changes. Drainage reports accompanied with plans and calculations will need to be provided to Caltrans to review.

Utilities

Any utilities that are proposed, moved or modified within Caltrans' Right-of-Way (ROW) shall be discussed. If utilities are impacted by the project, please provide site plans that show the location of existing and/or proposed utilities. Any proposed development should accommodate the State, City and County of San Francisco and any other utility provider's ability to easily access and maintain their facilities. Any proposed development that restricts easy access will also need to be provided for Caltrans to review as well.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agencies, the City and County of San Francisco are responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network (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 Caltrans' 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 Caltrans' 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

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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.

Please note that Caltrans is in the process of implementing an online, automated, and milestone-based Caltrans Encroachment Permit System (CEPS) to replace the current permit application submittal process with a fully electronic system, including online payments. The new system is expected to be available during 2022. To obtain information about the most current encroachment permit process and to download the permit application, please 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, or for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MARK LEONG
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c: State Clearinghouse