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John Funderburg, Assistant Director of Planning
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Pittsburg, CA 94565

Re: Envision Pittsburg 2040 General Plan Update Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear John Funderburg:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Envision Pittsburg 2040 General Plan Update. 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 April 2021 NOP.

Project Understanding

The proposed Project is a programmatic General Plan planning document consisting of, among others, an updated land use map and policy document consisting of goals, policies, and implementation measures that will guide future development activities and City actions. No specific development projects are proposed as part of the General Plan Update. Upon adoption, the 2040 General Plan will replace the City's existing 2020 General Plan, which was adopted in 2001 with subsequent updates to various elements. The City is also updating the Housing Element, which will address the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation and the 2023-2031 planning period, in a process separate from the General Plan Update.

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](#)). Please note that current and future land use projects proposed near and adjacent to the State Transportation Network (STN) shall be assessed, in part, through the TISG.

Additionally, Caltrans requests that the City of Pittsburg General Plan Update is consistent with California Government Code Section 65088-65089.10 Congestion Management.

As well, the City is requested to gain a determination of conformity from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to determine that the City of Pittsburg General Plan Update is consistent with and conforms to the Regional Transportation Plan Consistency Requirements of the County's Congestion Management Plan (CMP).

Transportation Impact Fees

We encourage a sufficient allocation of fair share contributions toward multi-modal and regional transit improvements to fully mitigate cumulative impacts to regional transportation. We also strongly support measures to increase sustainable mode shares, thereby reducing VMT. Caltrans welcomes the opportunity to work with the City and local partners to secure the funding for needed mitigation. Traffic-mitigation or cooperative agreements are examples of such 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.

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,



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c: State Clearinghouse