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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

City of Pittsburg Community and Economic Development Department
65 Civic Avenue
Pittsburg, CA 94565

RE: SCH #2022040427

The Contra Costa Area of the California Highway Patrol received the "Notice of Completion" of the Environmental document for the 2040 Pittsburg General Plan Update for State Clearinghouse (SCH) number 22022040427. After review, we have concerns with the potential impact this project could have on traffic congestion, distracted driving, and increased response times for emergency services.

Our concern relates to: (1) the proposed zoning for construction of 2.0 FAR zoning consistent with the Transit Oriented Development high-density housing standards promulgated by AB 2923 (2018) (2-P-9.3, 2-A-9.a); (2) new construction of freeway interchange/overpass at State Route 4 (SR-4) and Range Road (4-A01.3, 4-A01.3, 7-A-4.f); and (3) the revision of sign regulations to allow larger freestanding commercial use signs along SR-4 (4-A-3.a). Currently, SR-4 through the city of Pittsburg is among the most congested stretches of freeway for commute traffic in the county of Contra Costa. The congestion is at its worst during the weekday morning commutes and spans the entire length of SR-4 through the city of Pittsburg.

The proposed zoning of 2.0 FAR would allow for the construction of dwelling unit structures comprising up to two times the square footage of the lots they are built upon. The goal of such zoning includes high-density housing consistent with AB 2923 density standards. This is to be located in close proximity to SR-4, which is the major transportation route for all cities in east Contra Costa County, such as Antioch, Oakley, Brentwood, and Pittsburg. State Route 4 connects these cities to the rest of Contra Costa County and the greater Bay Area to their west. In addition to the potential increase of traffic congestion due to the increased high density of population, the addition of another freeway interchange could further increase commute traffic, as more vehicles would be accessing the freeway at the same time than presently are. Furthermore, revision of sign regulations to allow larger freestanding commercial use signs along SR-4 could be an unsafe distraction for motorists traveling on SR-4. As a result, this project could have a negative impact on our operations due to the increased traffic congestion and distracted driving, which could necessitate the need for additional traffic control measures to



mitigate the potential increase in traffic collisions and increased response times for emergency services within our jurisdiction.

If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact me at (925) 646-4980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Garside', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

S. GARSIDE, Captain
Commander
Contra Costa Area