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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

### **Re: San Ramon General Plan 2040 and Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Cindy Yee:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the San Ramon General Plan 2040 and Climate Action Plan Update 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 June 2022 NOP.

#### **Project Understanding**

The General Plan Amendment would entail two plans: 1) the General Plan 2040 and 2) the CAP Update. The General Plan 2040 would serve as a long-term framework for future growth, establish the City's eight-year housing plan from 2023 to 2031, reflect issues identified from community input and changes in State law, and update all elements of the General Plan including the Housing, Economic Development, Growth Management, Land Use, Traffic and Circulation, Parks and Recreation, Public Facilities and Utilities, Open Space and Conservation, Safety, Noise, and Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Elements. The update to the General Plan would include, but is not limited to, addition of Environmental Justice policies, revisions to policies, narratives, data, and figures to reflect the new buildout period. The CAP Update would quantify existing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and projected emissions associated with estimated community growth, set reduction goals and timelines for community emissions, develop and quantify reduction measures and actions to achieve the emissions reduction goals, and establish a framework for monitoring emissions levels.

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

Additionally, Caltrans requests that the City of San Ramon 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 San Ramon 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.

If the City of San Ramon General Plan Update is determined to have significant impacts on State facilities, travel modes, or programs, we request that the City coordinate with Caltrans for Fair Share contributions or consider the following Regional Transportation Plan (Plan Bay Area 2050) project for Fair Share contributions:

RTP ID	Project Description
21-T06-022	This program includes funding to implement interchange improvements at State Route (SR)-4, as well as new auxiliary lanes between Rudgear Rd and El Cerro Blvd and between Bollinger Canyon Rd and Alcosta Blvd.

**Lead Agency**

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

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](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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