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### **Re: Pleasant Hill 2040 General Plan Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Troy Fujimoto:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Pleasant Hill 2040 General Plan 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 July 2022 NOP.

#### **Project Understanding**

The 2040 General Plan 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 Land Use and Community Design; Housing, Economic Development; Public Facilities, Services and Infrastructure; Mobility; Open Space, Parks, and Recreation; Environment; and Hazards and Safety elements. The update to the General Plan would include, but is not limited to, revisions to policies, narratives, data, and figures to reflect the new buildout period. The Zoning Code would also be amended to ensure consistency with the General Plan (including the Housing Element).

### **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) may be assessed, in part, through the TISG.

Additionally, Caltrans requests that the City of Pleasant Hill 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 Pleasant Hill 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 Vehicle Miles Traveled (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.

### **Lead Agency**

As the Lead Agency, the City of Pleasant Hill 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.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal tail on the letter "g".

MARK LEONG  
District Branch Chief  
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c: State Clearinghouse