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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

## **Re: 2136-2154 San Pablo Avenue Mixed-Use Project – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Sharon Gong:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 2136-2154 San Pablo Avenue Mixed-Use 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 Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the October 2023 DEIR.

### **Project Understanding**

The proposed project is located along State Route (SR)-123 in Berkeley. The project proposes to demolish an existing 9,000-square-foot one-story building and construct a new six-story mixed-use development. The project would include a six-story mixed-use building comprised of 123 dwelling units, 3 live-work units, and a secure ground-floor bicycle storage room. The project site would also include a parking garage, and 6,319 square feet of open space.

### **Project Access**

Left-turn traffic accessing the project site should be prevented to reduce queuing on North Bound (NB) San Pablo Ave. Project access should be limited to right turns from and onto San Pablo Ave.

### **Hydrology**

Please ensure that any increase in storm water runoff to State Drainage System be treated, contained on project site, and metered to preconstruction levels.

If the project involves drainage work that flows into the State Drainage System, please provide a drainage design memo. It needs to show how the proposed drainage system flows on the plans and include pre- and post-project flows to the existing drainage system. Drainage plan and profile sheets should include length, size, and type of new and existing pipes, inlets, outlets, and systems showing any utility conflicts. Include drainage details and profiles for connection to the existing drainage system. Assumptions and calculations used in designing the drainage system should be shown.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Lisel Ayon, Associate Transportation Planner, via [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov). For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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