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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR I STREET BRIDGE DECK
CONVERSION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION – DATED OCTOBER 2022
(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2022100319)

Dear Mr. McCoy:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the I Street Bridge Deck Conversion for Active Transportation (Project). The Lead Agency is receiving this notice from DTSC because the Project includes one or more of the following: groundbreaking activities, presence of site buildings that may require demolition or modifications, importation of backfill soil, and/or work on or in close proximity to an agricultural or former agricultural site.

Additionally, the Project site intersects multiple DTSC cleanup sites that include the [Former Manufactured Gas Plant Study Area](#) (Former MGP), which is one of the nine study areas of the general [Sacramento Railyards Property](#). The Former MGP is an active site that is currently undergoing the remedy selection process through a Remedial Action Plan. The Sacramento Railyards is a 240-acre site, which has remediated about 90% of the property and has been certified with multiple land use covenants (Covenant) as an institutional control. Constituents of concerns at the Former MGP for both soil and groundwater include volatile organic compounds, semivolatile organic compounds, and total petroleum hydrocarbons. Prohibited activities in the Covenant for the Sacramento Railyards include soil disturbing activities, prohibition of bringing soil to the surface, drilling for water, oil, or gas without prior written approval by DTSC, and extraction of groundwater except as approved in advance in writing by DTSC in a groundwater management plan.

DTSC recommends that the following issues be evaluated in the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the MND:

1. A State of California environmental regulatory agency such as DTSC, a Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), or a local agency that meets the requirements of [Health and Safety Code section 101480](#) should provide regulatory concurrence that the Project site is safe for construction and the proposed use.
2. The MND acknowledges that historic or future activities on or near the project site have resulted or may result in the release of hazardous wastes/substances on the project site. In instances in which releases have occurred or may occur, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination, and the potential threat to public health and/or the environment should be evaluated. The MND should also identify the mechanism(s) to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation and the government agency who will be responsible for providing appropriate regulatory oversight.
3. The MND acknowledges the presence of lead-based paints and asbestos containing materials on the existing bridge structure. The potential presence of polychlorinated biphenyl caulk should also be considered. Removal, demolition and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's 2006 [Interim Guidance Evaluation of School Sites with Potential Contamination from Lead Based Paint, Termiticides, and Electrical Transformers](#).
4. If any projects initiated as part of the proposed project require the importation of soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination. DTSC recommends the imported materials be characterized according to DTSC's 2001 [Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material](#).
5. If any sites included as part of the proposed project have been used for agricultural, weed abatement or related activities, proper investigation for organochlorinated pesticides should be discussed in the MND. DTSC recommends the current and former agricultural lands be evaluated in accordance with DTSC's 2008 [Interim Guidance for Sampling Agricultural Properties \(Third Revision\)](#).

6. Project activities that intersect DTSC sites on the east side of the bridge should be coordinated with the DTSC Project Manager.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND. Should you choose DTSC to provide oversight for any environmental investigations, please visit DTSC's [Site Mitigation and Restoration Program](#) page to apply for lead agency oversight. Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found at [DTSC's Brownfield website](#).

Ms. Mera Golo of DTSC should be contacted in order to coordinate site activities at the Former MGP and Sacramento Railyards at (916) 255-3585 or via email at Mera.Golo@dtsc.ca.gov. If you have any general questions about DTSC's comments, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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