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Re: City of Redwood City 2023-2031 Housing Element Update Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Apollo Rojas,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the City of Redwood City 2023-2031 Housing Element 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 October 2022 NOP.

Project Understanding

This project proposes amendments to elements to the City of Redwood City's General Plan, including housing, land use, and safety, in order to accommodate changes to the Housing Element to meet their fair share of the State's housing needs. The update will promote housing development with proximity to public services, such as transit, and allow the city to comply with state laws and guidelines to address safety and environmental goals.

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.

"Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment"

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 County 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 Redwood City, 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.

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.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse