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## **Re: California State University Maritime Academy Waterfront Master Plan – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Kevin Motschall:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project. 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 May 2024 DEIR.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

### **Project Understanding**

The proposed project establishes a vision for improving California State University Maritime's waterfront and in-water infrastructure to prepare for the arrival of a new training ship near Interstate (I)-80.

### **Multimodal Transportation Planning**

Please review and include reference to the *Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Plan (2021)* and the *Caltrans District 4 Bike Plan (2018)* in the DEIR. These two plans studied existing conditions for walking and biking along and across the State Transportation Network (STN) in the nine-county Bay Area and developed a list of location-based and prioritized needs. Potential bike and pedestrian improvements were identified along I-80 and State Route (SR)-29 in the vicinity of the project. Please consider these improvements in relation to waterfront connectivity as the project continues.

Please note that any Complete Streets reference should be updated to reflect Caltrans Director's Policy 37 ([link](#)) that highlights the importance of addressing the needs of non-motorists and prioritizing space-efficient forms of mobility, while also facilitating goods movement in a manner with the least environmental and social impacts. This supersedes Deputy Directive 64-R1, and further builds upon its goals of focusing on the movement of people and goods.

### **Climate Change**

Please keep Caltrans informed about the various climate stressors and ongoing adaptation and resilience initiatives as they are developed and implemented at this project location. Caltrans is interested in engaging in multi-agency and regional collaboration, to find multi-benefit solutions that protect vulnerable shorelines, communities, infrastructure, and the environment.

Given the omission of an integrated Climate Action Plan (CAP) with the local municipality due to outdated strategies, please keep Caltrans informed with any new updates and initiatives related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. Caltrans is particularly interested in shoreline enhancements that affect the existing pedestrian corridor. Please contact Vishal Ream-Rao or Lucius Wu, Caltrans Bay Area Climate Change Planning Unit, with any questions at [d4\\_climateresilience@dot.ca.gov](mailto:d4_climateresilience@dot.ca.gov).

### **Encroachment Permit**

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' Right-of-Way (ROW) requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement.

The checklist TR-0416 ([link](#)) is used to determine the appropriate Caltrans review process for encroachment projects. The Office of Encroachment Permit requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review and circulate the permit application package. To obtain more information and download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)). Your application package may be emailed to [D4Permits@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D4Permits@dot.ca.gov).

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luo" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Yunsheng".

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