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Re: Parkline Project – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Corinna Sandmeier:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Parkline 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 June 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 would demolish most of the existing SRI International research campus to develop a new transit-oriented office or research and design (R&D) campus, up to 550 new rental housing units at a range of affordability levels, new bicycle and pedestrian connections, and 25 acres of publicly accessible open space. The 63.2-acre project site is located between State Route 82 (SR-82) and U.S. Route 101 (U.S. 101) along Ravenswood Ave, approximately a quarter mile from SR-82.

Travel Demand Analysis

The project vehicle miles traveled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) VMT analysis guidelines. Per the DEIR, this project is found to have a less than significant VMT impact. Caltrans commends the proposed project for including a Travel Demand Management (TDM) plan to promote multimodal transportation use.

The proposed mitigation measures identified in the TDM plan should be documented with annual monitoring reports to demonstrate effectiveness.

Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)).

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

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.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Luana Chen, Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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