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Re: SMP 38/SMP 39/SMP 40 Project – Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Ashley Vera:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the SMP 38/SMP 39/ SMP 40 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 January 2023 NOP.

Project Understanding

For SMP 38, the proposed project includes a Sphere of Influence (SOI) Amendment to include SMP 38 within the City of Livermore SOI and remove it from City of Pleasanton's SOI. For SMP 39, the proposed project would include development of a total of up to six light industrial buildings of approximately 755,500 square feet (s.f.). For SMP 40, the proposed project would include development of two industrial buildings of 758,808 s.f. The entitlement is only proposed for SMP 40 at this time. One of the proposed additional annexation parcels is owned by Caltrans, directly adjacent to State Route (SR)-84.

Proposed Trail Connection

In reference to Section 1.2, *Project Components*, please note that all trail option designs should meet Highway Design Manual (HDM) standards for Class I Bikeways (Bike Paths), [HDM 1003.1](#).

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of Livermore is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network (STN). The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

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.

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. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

Please note that Caltrans is in the process of implementing an online, automated, and milestone-based Caltrans Encroachment Permit System (CEPS) to replace the current permit application submittal process with a fully electronic system, including online payments. The new system is expected to be available during 2023. To obtain information about the most current encroachment permit process and to download the permit application, please visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MARK LEONG
District Branch Chief
Local Development Review

c: State Clearinghouse