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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Re: Crestmoor, 300 Piedmont Avenue Project – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Michael Smith:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Crestmoor, 300 Piedmont Avenue 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 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 October 2023 Draft DEIR.

Project Understanding

The proposed project would redevelop the approximately 40.2-acre former Crestmoor High School site located at 300 Piedmont Avenue with a new 155-lot single family detached home community with associated open space and infrastructure. This project site is in vicinity of I-280.

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](#)).

The project's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory. Per the DEIR, this project is found to have a significant and unavoidable VMT impact. Caltrans commends the Lead Agency in developing the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program to reduce VMT.

Using Caltrans' Smart Mobility Framework Guide 2020 ([link](#)), the proposed project site is identified as a Suburban Community where community design is moderate and regional accessibility is strong. In addition to the proposed TDM program in the DEIR, please consider the measures listed below quantified by California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and shown to have different efficiencies reducing regional VMT:

- Increased density
- Increased location efficiency
- Increased mixed-use development
- Increased transit accessibility
- Orientation of Project towards non-auto corridor
- Location of project near bicycle network
- Pedestrian network improvements
- Bus rapid transit
- Provide local shuttles to increase transit outreach

Please reach out to Caltrans for further information about TDM measures and a toolbox for implementing these measures in land use projects. Additionally, refer to the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) Handbook for Analyzing Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions, Assessing Climate Vulnerabilities, and Advancing Health and Equity ([link](#)).

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of San Bruno 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.

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 STN.

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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 Melissa Hernandez, Associate Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact 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 more prominent and the last name "Yunsheng" written in a more connected, flowing style.

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c: State Clearinghouse