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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

## **Re: 2655 The Alameda Mixed Use Project – Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)**

Dear Debby Fernandez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 2655 The Alameda 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 April 2023 Draft IS/MND.

### **Project Understanding**

The proposed project would construct a four-story mixed-use development with 39 residential units, at a density of 98 units per acre, and approximately 1,540 square feet of retail space. The project would include 33 parking spaces which would be provided in one subgrade parking level (23 spaces) and a surface parking lot (10 spaces) located within the development. The property is located approximately one-quarter mile from El Camino Real, State Route (SR)-82.

### **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](#)).

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Caltrans commends the Lead Agency on developing a project that qualifies as a transit-oriented development, according to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and City of Santa Clara Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) guidelines. The implementation of this high-density and mixed-use project located in a high-quality transit corridor would help reduce VMT, thereby meeting the state policy goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the multimodal transportation system for all users.

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](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 more prominent and the last name "Yunsheng" following in a similar style.

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