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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Re: City of San José Fire Station No. 32 Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Bethelhem Telahun:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the City of San José Fire Station No. 32 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 May 2023 MND.

Project Understanding

The City of San José proposes to construct a new building at 1138 Olinder Court to serve as the new San José Fire Department (SJFD) Fire Station No. 32. The City of San José proposes the construction of a new, one-story fire station with two apparatus bays, which would serve as the new SJFD Fire Station 32 located at 1138 Olinder Court. The proposed improvements consist of the construction of a new fire station building, hardscape areas, landscaping, and underground utilities to support the fire station. The proposed project would also result in the demolition of an existing structure and removal of existing tree on the site. This project site is in the vicinity of US-101.

Travel Demand Analysis

The project 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 IS/MND, this project is found to have a less than significant impact, therefore working towards meeting the State's VMT reduction goals.

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.

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, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>. 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).

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, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luo" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "Yunsheng".

YUNSHENG LUO
Acting District Branch Chief
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c: State Clearinghouse