

## California Department of Transportation

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**CAL-4-PM 29.426**  
**CUP2023-014 - Samson**  
**SCH 2023050548**

Dear Ms. Flandreau,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Initial Study for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application that proposes to operate a cigar lounge that serves beer and wine in the existing building. The front patio and the area behind the structure will only be open for cigar smoking after 7:00 p.m. No food will be served or prepared due to cigar smoking. Ventilation will be upgraded inside the main structure to keep smoke to a minimum. The structure straddles on two parcels both of which are zoned as Local Commercial (C1).

The project is located at 419 Main Street, in the community of Murphys within Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 066-002-017 and 066-002-018.

### **Caltrans has the following comments:**

Caltrans suggests Calaveras County continue to coordinate and consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

### **Environmental**

It appears that the project will not encroach onto State Route (SR) 4. However, if any construction related activities will encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential

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Impacts to any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans ROW, at the project site(s).

**Encroachment Permits**

If any project activities encroach into Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW), the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shiferaw Jemberie (209) 986-9635 (email: [Shiferaw.jemberie@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Shiferaw.jemberie@dot.ca.gov)) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: [Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,

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