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### **Re: Stanford University Belmont Campus Conceptual Development Plan – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Laura Russell:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Stanford University Belmont Campus Conceptual Development Plan. 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 August 2024 DEIR.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

#### **Project Understanding**

The proposed project is a conceptual development plan to create the proposed Stanford Belmont extension campus in multiple phases over a 30-year timeframe at the current 45.6-acre Notre Dame de Namur University Campus. The conceptual plan proposes replacement of nearly all existing structures to increase the building area to a total of 700,000 square feet and to construct up to 200 housing units. The proposed project site is located approximately a quarter mile west of State Route 82 (SR 82).

#### **Travel Demand Analysis**

The project vehicle miles traveled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the City's adopted VMT policy. Per the DEIR, this project is found to have a less than significant VMT impact. Caltrans commends the proposed project for including a Travel Demand Management (TDM) plan to promote multimodal transportation. The proposed mitigation measures identified in the

TDM plan should be documented with annual monitoring reports to demonstrate effectiveness.

### **Aeronautics**

The Division of Aeronautics collaborates with cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) to ensure compliance with the State Aeronautics Act (California Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 21001 et seq.).

The San Carlos Airport is located approximately 1.5 miles east of the project site. The proposed project lies within Airport Influence Area A and borders Airport Influence Area B. Therefore, it must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions outlined in the San Carlos Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP), adopted by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674. The ALUCP is crucial for minimizing noise nuisance and safety hazards around airports while promoting orderly development. The ALUC is responsible for assessing potential risks to aircraft, airspace users, and people on the ground near the airport.

Airport Influence Area A requires a real estate disclosure notification. For Area B, both real estate disclosure and notification to the ALUC are required for proposed land use policy actions including new general plans, specific plans, zoning ordinances, plan amendments and rezonings, and land development proposals. Parcels along the edge of the Area B Boundary that are split by the boundary shall be considered as fully being within Area B.

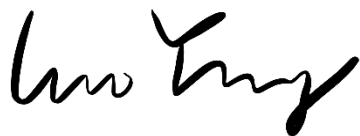
The Caltrans Division of Aeronautics appreciates the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Tiffany Martinez by email at [Tiffany.Martinez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Martinez@dot.ca.gov).

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Luana Chen, Transportation Planner, via [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Laura Russell, Deputy Community Development Director  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luo" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Yunsheng".

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