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Michael Von Lonkhuysen, Planning Manager
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Re: Serramonte Del Rey Campus Redevelopment Project– Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Michael Von Lonkhuysen:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Serramonte Del Rey Campus Redevelopment 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 July 2023 DEIR.

Project Understanding

This project proposes to redevelop the site of the Jefferson Union High School District office buildings into a mix use development. It would have up to 1,235 units of affordable housing and market-rate rental housing with 14,000 square feet of retail and commercial use space. The project site is located across the on- and off-ramps at Serramonte Blvd.

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 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 less than significant impacts with mitigation. Caltrans commends the Lead Agency in developing the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan to reduce employee and guest VMT, therefore working towards meeting the State’s goal of a 15-percent reduction. The proposed measures identified in the TDM plan should be documented with annual monitoring reports to demonstrate effectiveness.

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](#)).

State Projects within Vicinity

The following Caltrans’ projects are planned and included in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), the State’s “fix-it-first” program that funds the repair, safety improvements, some highway operational improvements, and preservation of the State Highway System (SHS).

County	Route	Post Mile(s)	Target Program	EA	Description	Project Cost (\$K)	Construction Date
SM	1/280	SM R44/R48	2020 SHOPP	0Q440	Install Best Management Practices (Stormwater and Trash Devices) along SM-1 and SM-280 within Significant Trash Generation Area (STGA). This is to meet Caltrans D4 obligations under the Trash Cease and Desist Order (CDO).	7575	2022/23
SM	1	SM 29.034/46.716	Middle Mile Broadband Network	1Y960	Install broadband conduit and fiber optic as part of the Broadband Middle Mile Network.	8540	2024/25

Transportation Impact Fees

Please identify project-generated travel demand and estimate the costs of transit and active transportation improvements necessitated by the proposed project; viable funding sources such as development and/or transportation impact fees should also be identified. We encourage a sufficient allocation of fair share contributions toward multi-modal and regional transit improvements to fully mitigate cumulative impacts to regional transportation. We also strongly support measures to increase sustainable mode shares, thereby reducing VMT.

Construction-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to the State Right-of-Way (ROW) from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified. 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.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of Daly City 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.

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.

Encroachment Permit

In Section 3.17, two planned improvements are mentioned involving the intersection of State Route (SR)-1/ Clarinada and of SR-1/ Serramonte Boulevard. Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

To obtain information about the most current encroachment permit process and to download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)).

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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 Marley Mathews, 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 cursive script that reads "Laurel Sears".

LAUREL SEARS
Acting District Branch Chief
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c: State Clearinghouse