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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Re: Weber Road Industrial and Construction Yard Project – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Dear Sarah Nolan:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Weber Road Industrial and Construction Yard 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 August 2023 IS/MND.

Project Understanding

The project proposes to construct a 5 to 15 year interim industrial and construction yard that would provide up to six storage yard areas for lease. This 41-acre project site is located directly adjacent to State Route (SR)-80.

Hydrology

This project proposes grading, earthwork, stormwater and drainage improvements, utility connections, and driveway paving. Existing drainage on the project site consists of a system unlined ditch, ponds, and a Solano Irrigation District ditch. When available, please submit drainage and grading plans for the Office of Hydraulics to review.

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 State Transportation Network (STN).

Utilities

Any utilities that are proposed, moved or modified within Caltrans' ROW shall be discussed. If utilities are impacted by the project, provide site plans that show the location of existing and/or proposed utilities. These modifications require a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of Vacaville is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Encroachment Permit

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](#)). Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact John McKenzie, Associate Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

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For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov as well.

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 script than the last name "Yunsheng".

YUNSHENG LUO
Branch Chief, Local Development Review
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c: State Clearinghouse