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Dear Mr. Nelson,

The California Department of Transportation, Caltrans Aeronautics has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan and Contra Costa County Climate Action Plan 2024 Updates (aka Envision Contra Costa). One of the goals of the California Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Program, is to assist cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) or their equivalent, to understand and comply with the State Aeronautics Act pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), Section 21001 et seq. Caltrans encourages collaboration with our partners in the planning process and thanks you for including the Aeronautics Program in the review of the Draft EIR.

Contra Costa County contains two public general aviation airports: Buchanan Field Airport and Bryon Airport. The Contra Costa County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) adopted by the Contra Costa County Airport Land Use Commission sets the compatibility criteria applicable to local agencies in the preparation or amendments of land use plans and ordinances. An ALUCP is crucial in minimizing noise nuisance and safety hazards around airports while promoting the orderly development of airports, as declared by the California Legislature.

Per the California Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et seq. relating to the State Aeronautics Act, Section 21676(b) prior to the amendment of a general plan...within the planning boundary established by the airport land use commission pursuant to Section 21675, the local agency shall first refer the proposed action to the commission. If the commission determines that the proposed action is inconsistent with the commission's plan, the referring agency shall be notified. Any proposed development in the defined safety zones, therefore, must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions defined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan(s) adopted by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674.

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Caltrans Aeronautics acknowledges and commends Goal TR-7: Safe and viable general and commercial aviation activities in Contra Costa County and its subsequent policies which aim to ensure that development is compliant with airport land use requirements.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by email at [tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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