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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Nimisha Agrawal, Senior Planner
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Re: Great America Parkway/Tasman Drive Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Nimisha Agrawal:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Great America Parkway/Tasman Drive 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 October 2023 MND.

Project Understanding

The proposed project would redevelop a 10-acre site, building two twelve-story office buildings for office use and a seven level above ground parking structure. The project involves a General Plan Amendment to rezone the site to High Intensity Office/Research & Development (R&D) and allow for a lot merger of two parcels.

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's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the City's adopted VMT policy. Per the MND, this project is transit supportive, and therefore found to have a less than significant VMT impact, which is in support of meeting the State's VMT reduction goals.

Construction-Related Impacts

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.

Sincerely,



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