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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Re: Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project – Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Matthew Feske:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration 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 December 2023 NOP.

Project Understanding

The Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project would reestablish a former rail line on the south side of the existing Martinez Terminal near Interstate (I)-680, connecting to the existing Union Pacific Railroad tracks south of Waterfront Road.

Freight

Caltrans commends the development of this project as shifting goods from trucks to rail effectively reduces Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and number of freight trucks on the State Transportation Network (STN).

Please consider including zero emissions fueling infrastructure for locomotives and other equipment as part of the project, which can reduce air pollution and emissions.

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 Martinez 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.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Lisel Ayon, Associate Transportation Planner via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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