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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Re: Sanitary Sewer Parallel Trunk Line (Manhole T-0 to T-32) – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Akin Okupe:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Sanitary Sewer Parallel Trunk Line (Manhole T-0 to T-32). 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 February 2024 MND.

Project Understanding

The proposed project will construct a new, 18-inch sanitary sewer line, parallel to an existing 24- to 30-inch sanitary sewer line, from manhole T-0 within the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant. The new sewer line runs north/northwest through the Palo Alto Airport.

Aeronautics

To reemphasize the Mitigated Negative Declaration, construction must adhere to federal regulations, specifically Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular 150/5370-2G: Operational Safety on Airports During Construction. This necessitates the implementation of an FAA-mandated Construction Safety and Phasing Plan.

The proposed Project must comply with requirements outlined by FAA, specified in Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 77. Title 14 CFR Part 77.9 provides vertical

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and horizontal criteria for construction near an airport. The California Public Utilities Code Section 21659 prohibits structural hazards near airports. An Obstruction Analysis will be required by FAA in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace". To ensure compliance notices should be submitted to FAA's Obstacle Evaluation Group (OEG) online ([Link](#)). Caltrans Aeronautics advocates for and acknowledges direct communication with FAA and the Palo Alto Airport throughout various phases of the Project.

These comments delineate the areas of review by Caltrans Aeronautics concerning airport-related noise, safety, and land use planning issues. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Martinez, Aviation Planner, via tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luo" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Yunsheng".

YUNSHENG LUO

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c: State Clearinghouse