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Re: Digital Freeway Billboards Zoning Text Amendments and Clear Channel Outdoor Digital Billboard Conversion – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Noah Rumbaoa:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project. 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 April 2024 MND.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The project proposal is to amend the Vacaville Municipal Code to conditionally permit up to 16 new digital billboards along the Interstate (I)-80 and I-505 corridors, with ancillary drought-tolerant landscaping. The project also includes a request to convert an existing 672 square foot (sq. ft.) static billboard into a 672 sq. ft. digital billboard.

Outdoor Advertising

The Initial Study should note that all billboard displays per Business and Professions Code 5205 (see below) cannot be placed in agricultural zoning:

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC

DIVISION 3. PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS GENERALLY [5000 - 9998.11]
(Heading of Division 3 added by Stats. 1939, Ch. 30.)

CHAPTER 2. Advertisers [5200 - 5486] (Chapter 2 repealed and added by Stats. 1970, Ch. 991.)

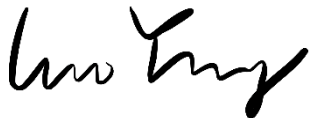
5205. "Business area" means an area within 1,000 feet, measured in each direction, from the nearest edge of a commercial or industrial building or activity and which is zoned under authority of state law primarily to permit industrial or commercial activities or an unzoned commercial or industrial area.

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 (STN).

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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