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Re: Port of Redwood City Ferry Terminal Project – Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Dear Don Snaman:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Port of Redwood City Ferry Terminal 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 NOP.

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

Project Understanding

The proposed project will establish a ferry terminal with passenger ferry service operated by the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA). The ferry terminal would consist of a ferry dock, gangway, security gate, kiosks, portable restroom, bicycle storage, and surface parking lot, roadway improvements to provide multimodal site access, relocation of existing infrastructure to accommodate the new uses, and an extension of the Bay Trail. The proposed project also includes a zone change to permit future hotel and associated restaurant, retail and meeting/event facilities, a standalone restaurant, limited office space, and a permanent restroom facility at the ferry terminal.

Sea Level Rise

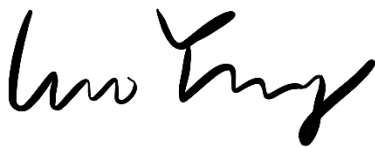
We look forward to reviewing the DEIR and how the proposed development will address flood protection, flood resiliency and other risks associated with sea level rise. Discussion of how the proposed development addresses sea level rise and ties into adjacent projects by other local, County and State agencies to address sea level rise should be included the DEIR. It may also be helpful to discuss any sea-level rise coordination with San Mateo County Flood Control, San Mateo County and other local agencies, such as the Strategy to Advance Flood Protection, Ecosystems and Recreation (SAFER) along San Francisco Bay, amongst other agencies recognized by San Mateo County.

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

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 STN.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse