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Re: Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Mark Chow, PE,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement 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 July 2024 Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/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 proposed project would install new, industry-standard 36-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride pipe segments to replace three antiquated, 33-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe segments associated with the North Fair Oaks Trunk Sewer system in Redwood City, CA. The project would also include housekeeping and maintenance of existing manholes. Portions of the project area run under U.S. Route 101 (U.S. 101) adjacent to the State Route 84 (SR-84) interchange.

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).

The City of Redwood City is currently in the later stages of the design phase to perform a major reconstruction of the SR-84/U.S. 101 interchange, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in 2027. As stated in the MND, construction of this proposed project is expected to begin in April 2025 and last for six months, so conflicts between the projects are not anticipated. However, if coordination is needed, please contact Rommel Pardo, Program Project Manager of San Mateo County, at Rommel.Pardo@dot.ca.gov and reference Caltrans project number 04-23536.

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' right-of-way (ROW) requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. For the portion of the project crossing Caltrans ROW, an Encroachment Policy exception may be needed for the project to receive an Encroachment Permit.

As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement.

The Office of Encroachment Permit requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review and circulate the permit application package. To obtain more information and download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)). Please note that the checklist TR-0416 is used to determine the appropriate Caltrans review process for encroachment projects. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Luana Chen, Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or 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 more prominent.

YUNSHENG LUO
Branch Chief, Local Development Review
Office of Regional and Community Planning

c: State Clearinghouse