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Rebecca Markwick, Planning & Building Director
City of Belvedere
450 San Rafael Avenue
Belvedere, CA 94920

Re: 30 San Rafael Avenue Residential Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Rebecca Markwick:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 30 San Rafael Avenue Residential 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 November 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 proposed project would demolish the existing 2,284square-foot residence and construct a new 3,988square-foot, two-story residence and a new junior accessory dwelling unit above a new two-car garage. The main vehicle access would be from San Rafael Avenue and the vehicle garage entry would be from Lagoon Road. The project site is near State Route (SR) 131.

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).

Climate Change

Please keep Caltrans informed about the various climate stressors and ongoing adaptation and resilience initiatives as they are developed and implemented at this project location. Caltrans is interested in engaging in multi-agency and regional collaboration, to find multi-benefit solutions that protect vulnerable shorelines, communities, infrastructure, and the environment.

Caltrans actively coordinates with the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) on addressing climate vulnerabilities in Marin County, including initiatives involving nature-based solutions. Given the project location's proximity to Caltrans right-of-way (ROW) and its risk of inundation please keep Caltrans updated on any potential adaptation measures or initiatives at this location. Please see the attachment at the end of this letter of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission's (BCDC) Adapting to Rising Tides report highlighting flood risks along the Bay shoreline.

We appreciate being included in ongoing local efforts as the project develops, as we prioritize working with regional and local partners to strategize and adopt adaptation measures for the transportation system in the area.

For any questions or concerns related to climate change stressors, please feel free to contact the Caltrans Bay Area Climate Change Planning Coordinators at D4_ClimateResilience@dot.ca.gov.

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 visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse