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Re: Parkwest Casino 580 Expansion Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Ashley Vera:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Parkwest Casino 580 Expansion 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 add a new surface parking lot with 230 parking spaces located east of the existing casino. The new parking lot would include 178 standard stalls, 26 electric vehicle (EV) capable spaces, 26 EV charging stations, and racks for up to 36 bicycles. Access to the parking lot would be provided by existing driveways on Doolan Road and North Canyons Parkway, as well as a new driveway from North Canyons Parkway, at the northeast corner of the project site. The proposed project would also include off-site improvements along North Canyons Parkway, including the development of a new Class IV bike lane with a landscaped buffer, restriping of traffic lanes, and shifting the existing bus turnout and bus shelter pad to the north. The proposed project is directly adjacent to Interstate (I)-580.

Project Coordination

This project is within the limits of a Caltrans project known internally as EA 0Q30U. The project will construct express lanes, rehabilitate the pavement, and upgrade highway-

related features along southbound I-680 from 0.4 miles south of Calaveras Rd Undercrossing in Alameda County and 1.1 miles north of Alcosta Blvd Overcrossing in Contra Costa County. The project is under construction with major highway work to be completed in December 2025. This project has the following subprojects:

1.EA 2X490 is a Toll System Integration Installation project funded and administered by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC). This project will start the design phase in January 2025 and construction in Summer 2025.

2.EA 0Q303 is a Planting Mitigation project funded by Alameda CTC, with Caltrans managing the construction phase. This project will start the design phase in January 2025 and construction in Summer 2026.

Please provide any project plans and other technical documents when they are available for Caltrans review.

Hydrology

Please provide the flow rate at the outfall of the bio-treatment planters (Outfall Q) and clarify where the bio-treatment planters outfall to, as there are concerns that the outfall may tie to the State Drainage System.. If the bio-treatment planters are tied to a State drain, further mitigation measures may be needed. Please see the attachment at the end of this letter for known drainage facilities in the 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).

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.

The Office of Encroachment Permit requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review and circulate the permit application package. The review and approval of encroachment projects is managed through the Encroachment Permits Office Process (EPOP) or the Project Delivery Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP), depending on project scope, complexity, and completeness of the application. Please use the following resources to determine the appropriate review process:

- TR-0416 Applicant's Checklist ([link](#))
- Flowchart, Figure 1.2 in Chapter 100 – The Permit Function, Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual ([link](#))

The permit approval may take 30 days to 6 months or more depending on the project scope, size, complexity, completeness, compliance with policies and quality of the permit package submitted. Projects requiring exceptions to design standards or external agency approvals may need more time to process.

To obtain more information and download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)). When the applicant is ready to pursue a Caltrans encroachment permit, please contact D4Permits@dot.ca.gov to initiate the process.

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