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### **Re: Outer Harbor Wharf Modernization Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)**

Dear Elizabeth Nagle:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Outer Harbor Wharf Modernization 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 March 2025 MND.

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

#### **Project Understanding**

The Port of Oakland proposes to modernize aging wharf infrastructure at Berths 22-38 fronting the Port's Outer Harbor Channel.

#### **Travel Demand Analysis**

The project vehicle miles traveled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory. Per the MND, this project is found to have a less than significant VMT impact.

Please update the language regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Plan Bay Area (PBA) 2040 in *Section 3.16 Transportation, Regional Regulatory Setting*. PBA 2050 was adopted in October 2021, with a new update, PBA 2050+, that is anticipated to be adopted in 2026. PBA 2050+ will refine select plan strategies using

lessons learned from the last four years and will also enable continued progress implementing the strategies of the Plan.

### **Climate Change**

Please keep Caltrans District 4 updated on the progression of this project. The project may have an impact on Caltrans's own adaptation study on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. There are ongoing efforts in coordinating with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP), the City of Emeryville, and the Port of Oakland on the feasibility of a horizontal levee along a portion of Radio Beach, to the north of the Toll Plaza. Wildlife connectivity, if any, will be an important consideration for Caltrans due to asset locations between Radio Beach and the project location.

For any questions, comments, or concerns within District 4's geographical boundaries, please reach out to the Caltrans Bay Area Climate Change Planning Coordinators at [d4\\_climate resilience@dot.ca.gov](mailto:d4_climate resilience@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 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](mailto: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](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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