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Google 100-200 W Caribbean Drive – Notice of Preparation

Dear Ryan Kuchenig:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. In tandem with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Caltrans mission signals a modernization of our approach to evaluating and mitigating impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN). Caltrans' *Strategic Management Plan 2015-2020* aims to reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) by tripling bicycle and doubling both pedestrian and transit travel by 2020. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback at this critical early stage. Our comments are based on the Notice of Preparation of an EIR. Our previous letter regarding the Draft Traffic Impact Analysis dated March 12th 2019 shall be incorporated herein by reference.

Project Understanding

The Project site contains seven vacant existing buildings totaling 400,157 square feet (sf) and six occupied existing buildings totaling 310,224 sf. Occupied building uses include an industrial laboratory, warehouse, light manufacturing, and offices. The Project would demolish the 13 existing buildings to accommodate the proposed new construction. The Project proposes construction of a new a 536,750 sf five-story office building to be located at 100 W Caribbean Drive, and a new 505,140 sf five-story office building and a five-story parking garage containing 3,473 vehicle parking spaces with attached three-story central utility plant to be located at 200 W Caribbean Drive. The total proposed office gross floor area of the entire site is 1,041,890 sf. Regional access is provided via State Route (SR) 237 at Caribbean Drive and Lawrence Expressway ramps, one mile east from the project site. Since this project meets the criteria to be deemed of statewide, regional or areawide significance per CEQA Section 15206, the project's environmental document should be submitted to both the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and MTC for review and comment.

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Multimodal Transportation

We would like to reference our March 12th 2019 letter emphasizing the importance of multimodal transportation. The project should be conditioned to ensure connections to existing bike lanes and multi-use trails to facilitate walking and biking to nearby jobs, neighborhood services, and transit. Since the proposed project is adjacent to the existing Sunnyvale Bay Trail Class 1 Bike Path, the proposed project should provide a connection to this Bike Path with the proposed Class 1 Bike Path within the project.

Sea Level Rise

This project is located in an area vulnerable to impacts from sea level rise. The effects of sea level rise may have impacts on transportation facilities located in the project area. Executive Order (EO) S-13-08 directs State agencies planning construction projects in areas vulnerable to sea level rise to begin planning for potential impacts by considering a range of sea level rise scenarios for years 2050 and 2100. Higher water levels may increase erosion rates, change environmental characteristics that affect material durability, lead to increased groundwater levels and change sediment movement along shores and at estuaries and river mouths, as well as affect soil pore pressure at dikes and levees on which transportation facilities are constructed. All these factors must be addressed through geotechnical and hydrological studies conducted in coordination with Caltrans.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Zachary Chop at (510) 622-1643 or zachary.chop@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse