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Jeff Schwik, Project Planner
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Project – 3035 El Camino Real Residential Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Jeff Schwik:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project. In tandem with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Caltrans' mission signals our continuing approach to evaluate and mitigate impacts to the State's multimodal transportation network. Caltrans' Strategic Management Plan 2015-2020 aims, in part, to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas emissions (GHG) in alignment with state goals and policies. Our comments are based on the July 15, 2019 MND.

Project Understanding

The proposed project would construct a three- to four-story high mixed-use development, replacing the 5,200 square foot car dealership building on the site. The proposed development would include 42 townhouse-style condominiums, six live/work condominium units (approximately 8,190 square feet of commercial space), 27,438 square feet of private open space, and 102 parking spaces. The development would include four buildings. Regional access is provided via State Route (SR)-82 and directly along the State Transportation Network (STN.) The site is within a Priority Development Area (PDA) and is within walking distance to transit.

Landscaping

Per Topic 405.1 Sight Distance of the Highway Design Manual (HDM,) corner sight distance requirements as described in the HDM are not applied to urban

driveways. Per Table 902.3 Large Tree Setback Requirements on Conventional Highways, large trees must be set back a minimum 18" from the face of the curb to the face of the tree trunk. Tree planting, trimming and landscape maintenance work performed within Caltrans right of way will require an encroachment permit. To view the HDM, please visit <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/design/documents/hdm-complete-14dec2018.pdf>.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of Santa Clara is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto SR-82 requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. To obtain an encroachment permit, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, six (6) sets of plans clearly indicating the State Right of Way, and six (6) copies of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans must be submitted to: Office of Encroachment Permits, California DOT, District 4, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660. To download the permit application and obtain more information, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mark Leong at 510-286-1644 or mark.leong@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse