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**Better Market Street – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Chris Thomas:

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. Our comments are based on the DEIR.

***Project Understanding***

Project proposes to implement the Better Market Street Project. The proposed project would redesign and provide a program of transportation and streetscape improvements on Market Street from US 101/Octavia Boulevard (Blvd) to The Embarcadero. The proposed project would introduce changes to the roadway configuration and private vehicle access, traffic signals, surface transit including San Francisco Municipal Railway only lanes, stop spacing and service, stop locations, stop characteristics, and infrastructure, bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, streetscapes, commercial and passenger loading, vehicular parking, and utilities. Regional access is provided on the US 101/Octavia Blvd on- and off-ramps and US 101/S Van Ness Avenue and US 101/Mission Street on- and off-ramps 1000 feet south of Market Street.

***Traffic Safety***

Construction of the proposed project could result in substantial interference with vehicle circulation and accessibility where project intersects US 101/Octavia Blvd and US 101/S Van Ness Avenue. Prior to construction, please make sure lane closures and signal timing adjustments are reviewed and approved by the Office of Highway Operations.

***Lead Agency***

As the Lead Agency, San Francisco Department of Public Works is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation

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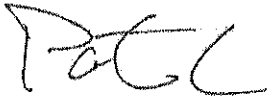
measures, prior to the submittal of an encroachment permit. Potential mitigation measures that include the requirements of other agencies—such as Caltrans—are fully enforceable through permit conditions, agreements, or other legally-binding instruments under the control of the Lead Agency.

***Encroachment Permit***

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto the State ROW requires an encroachment permit that is issued by Caltrans. To obtain an encroachment permit, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and six (6) sets of plans clearly indicating the State ROW, and six (6) copies of signed and stamped 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 <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michael McHenry at (510) 286-5562 or Michael.Mchenry@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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