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Project- Flood County Park Landscape Plan – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Sam Herzberg:

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. Our comments are based on the August 2019 Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

Project Understanding

The proposed project entails a Landscape Plan for the long-term redevelopment of San Mateo County's Flood County Park in the City of Menlo Park. This plan is intended to optimize preservation of large oak and bay trees, increase sports offerings, and provide a variety of active and passive uses for a range of user groups. It is anticipated that the proposed recreational facilities would be developed within ten years. The largest recreational facilities would be sited within the northern portion of the park, where the existing ballfield would be reconstructed, and a soccer/lacrosse field would be installed at the eastern corner, replacing the existing pétanque court and a portion of the existing tennis courts. A promenade would run eastward across the center of the park from the parking lot. Picnic areas clustered in the southern half of the park would be reconstructed. The Parks Department would preserve existing adobe buildings on-site, with the exception of demolishing the adobe Restroom D located west of the existing tennis courts. The adobe administrative building in

the southwest part of the park would be rehabilitated for seismic stability. Although the project is adjacent to US 101, Regional access is provided one mile away from the project at US-101 and State Route (SR)-114.

Construction-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to US-101 and SR-114 from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified in the DEIR. 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, visit:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>.

Prior to construction, coordination is required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, San Mateo County 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 the State right-of-way (ROW) 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 ROW, 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>.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. 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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c: State Clearinghouse