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201 Haskins Way Project – Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)

Dear Ryan Wassum:

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 Sustainable Communities Strategy, Caltrans' mission signals a modernization of our approach to evaluate and mitigate impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN). Caltrans' *Strategic Management Plan 2015-2020* aims to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in part, by tripling bicycle and doubling both pedestrian and transit travel by 2020. Our comments are based on the FEIR.

Project Understanding

The project would rezone seven parcels from Mixed Industrial district to Business Technology Park (BTP) district and one parcel from Business Commercial to BTP district. The project would allow development at a floor area ratio of 1.0 or approximately 677,600 gross square feet (gsf) of new BTP office use, which would be built out in two phases. The proposed project site is part of the City of South San Francisco's "East of 101" planning area. Regional access to this project is provided from US Route (US) 101 via ramps at East Grand Avenue, approximately 1.25 miles from the project site. Part of the mitigation for this project includes the reconfiguration and adjustment of signal timing of various local streets near and directly adjacent to US 101 ramps.

Mitigation

As it stated in your response, project generated trips have a significant impact on the following State facilities:

- US 101 southbound (SB) off-ramp at Gateway Boulevard (Blvd.) and Oyster Point Blvd.
- US 101 northbound (NB) on-ramp from Airport Blvd. and Grand Avenue
- Dubuque Avenue and Grand Avenue
- US 101 NB off-ramp / Poletti Way and East Grand Avenue

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- US 101 SB off-ramp to Produce Avenue / South Airport Blvd.
- South Airport Blvd. and US 101 NB Ramps / Wondercolor Lane.

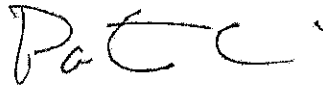
Currently, there is no commitment to mitigate project impacts. The project should mitigate impacts to the freeway maintenance and metered on-ramps by contributing fair share fees to the San Mateo US 101 Express Lane project and the San Francisco US 101/280 manage lane project. To ensure that all mitigation measures are identified, please provide a Mitigation and Monitoring Report Plan along with a staff report and conditions of approval.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of South San Francisco 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. Since this project meets the criteria to be deemed of statewide, regional or areawide significance per CEQA Section 15206, the FEIR should be submitted to both the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for review and comment.

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