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**County of San Mateo Routine Maintenance Program – Notice of Preparation (NOP)**

Dear Krzysztof Lisaj:

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 NOP.

***Project Understanding***

The County of San Mateo (County) has developed the Routine Maintenance Program Manual to describe the various routine maintenance activities conducted by the County Department of Public Works and Parks Department. Both departments are responsible for conducting routine maintenance to ensure that county facilities are properly functioning and operational. The Manual provides a comprehensive approach to conducting routine maintenance activities. Primary maintenance activities include maintenance of culverts, storm drainage facilities, bridges, roadside ditches and swales; sediment removal in engineered channels, natural creeks and culverts; creek bank stabilization; vegetation management; grazing; road and trail maintenance; and maintenance of marinas.

***Scenic Highways***

The segment of State Route (SR) 1 adjacent to the project from Santa Cruz County line to Half Moon Bay is designated as a State Scenic Highway. Careful coordination of planning, design, construction, and regulation of land use and development should be considered to protect the social and economic values provided by the State's scenic resources.

If there is to be an aesthetic impact to SR 1 from the proposed project, then the Lead Agency has the responsibility to mitigate the impact. The Lead Agency should encourage quality

development that does not degrade the scenic value of the corridor. If a Lead Agency no longer adequately carries out their responsibility for the protection of the scenic corridor, the State may revoke the designation of the highway as an official State Scenic Highway and remove the signs which so indicate the highway. Further information is available on the following website:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/design/lap/livability/scenic-highways/index.html>

### ***Bridges, Trestles, Culverts and Other Structures in Riparian Environments***

Some project level activities may affect riparian flow patterns upstream of bridges, trestles, culverts or other structures for which Caltrans holds responsibility. Please ensure your project level environmental documents include hydrological studies to determine whether such impacts will occur, and to identify appropriate mitigation measures.

### ***Habitat Restoration and Management***

Project level activities related to habitat restoration and management should be done in coordination with local and regional Habitat Conservation Plans, and with Caltrans where our programs share stewardship responsibilities for habitats, species and/or migration routes.

### ***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.

### ***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 financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation 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 County.

### ***Transportation Permit***

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, a completed transportation permit application with the determined specific route(s) for the shipper to follow from origin to destination must be submitted to: Caltrans Transportation Permits Office, 1823 14th Street,

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Sacramento, CA 95811-7119. See the following website for more information:  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/permits>.

***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](mailto:Michael.Mchenry@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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