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Marlene Subhashini, Director
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Metro Center Hotel- Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Marlene Subhashini:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Metro Center Hotel Project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the March 2020 DEIR.

Project Understanding

The project proposes development of a new, seven-story hotel (approximately 89 feet tall) with a ground-level parking garage and additional parking provided in a surface lot to the rear of the project site. The parking garage and surface parking lot would accommodate 141 parking stalls. The hotel would feature up to 156 guest rooms on the upper floors; totaling approximately 83,190 square feet. The project is located on an approximately 1.36-acre site at the intersection of Metro Center Boulevard and Shell Boulevard in central Foster City. SR-92 is located approximately 2,000 feet from the proposed project site and access would be from Metro City Boulevard and the on-ramps to SR-92.

Highway Operations

If project-generated transportation impacts ramp operations, impacts shall be mitigated or fair share fees shall be allocated for such mitigation. Ramp operation locations include:

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- SR-92 WB ramps/Chess Drive,
- SR-92 EB ramps/Metro Center Boulevard, and
- SR-92 EB ramp/Mariners Island Boulevard.

The project applicant shall coordinate with the City of Foster City and Caltrans if there are any project impacts to the STN.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto the ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application, six (6) sets of plans clearly delineating the State ROW, six (6) copies of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement.

To download the permit application and to obtain more information on all required documentation, 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 Laurel Sears at 510-286-5614 or laurel.sears@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse