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AB 617 West Oakland Community Action Plan – Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Dear Ada Marquez:

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 AB 617 Plan identifies 80 potential control measures and strategies to reduce air pollution from a variety of stationary and mobile sources located in West Oakland, including the Port of Oakland. The purpose of the NOP is to seek comments about the scope and content of the environmental impact report that will be prepared for the Plan. Is Caltrans expected to be one of the governmental agencies with some responsibility in implementing the community action plan? We are not listed in the list of agencies referred to in the Initial Study. Some of the action items referred to (Action 18) infers that we will be in some way.

Land Use

The air district will study the potential air pollution and health outcomes of allowing truck traffic on I-580 and designating a truck lane on I-880. It states that allowing truck traffic on I-580 would require legislative approval and re-engineering. What project is this in reference to? There are currently no proposals by Caltrans to allow trucks on portions of I-580 where they are currently prohibited. There are no designated "truck lanes" on interstates. Is this in reference to the freight corridor project at the Macarthur Maze? If so, the air district should consult with Caltrans for clarity on the project description.

The proposal states that an urban canopy forest would identify locations that trees can be added and maintained - such as in Caltrans right-of-way. However, Caltrans is not listed as an agency that would be in charge of this and only the City of Oakland is listed. Caltrans should be consulted.

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Within the West Oakland action area, Caltrans owns and operates detention basins for runoff from the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge that may need to be referred to here if any of the proposed action items in this document could potentially impact the basins or their ability to function as designed.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, Bay Area Air Quality Management District 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 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/>.

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Sincerely,



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