September 18, 2019

Erik Alm, AICP
District Office Chief
Department of Transportation
District 4
Office of Transit and Community Planning
P.O. Box 23660, MS-10D
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for The West Oakland Community Action Plan (State Clearinghouse No. 2019059062)

Dear Erik Alm:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) staff would like to thank you for submitting your comments on the West Oakland Community Action Plan (WOCAP) DEIR, which was publicly circulated for a period of 45 days from July 25, 2019 to September 9, 2019. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15088, the Air District is providing written responses to any public agency that submitted comments on the WOCAP DEIR. Please see the attachment for responses to comments.

On October 2, 2019, the WOCAP and the Final EIR will be considered for adoption at the Air District’s Board of Director’s meeting at the Waterfront Hotel in Oakland, CA. Please visit the West Oakland Community Action Plan website for more information: http://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-health-protection-program/west-oakland-community-action-plan. If you have any questions about the WOCAP FEIR, please contact Ada Márquez, Principal Environmental Planner at (415) 749-8673.

Sincerely,

Greg Nudd
Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

Cc: BAAQMD Director John J. Bauters
    BAAQMD Director Pauline Russo Cutter
    BAAQMD Director Scott Haggerty
    BAAQMD Director Nate Miley
September 9, 2019

Ada Marquez, Principal Environmental Planner
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105


Dear Ada Marquez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the West Oakland Community Action Plan. Caltrans has completed the review of the DEIR as a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) responsible agency. Our comments are based on the July 2019 Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

Project Understanding

The West Oakland Community Action Plan is a joint effort between the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District), with direction from the West Oakland Community Action Plan Steering Committee. The goal of the Community Action Plan is to reduce emissions from air pollution sources within and adjacent to West Oakland air pollution sources.

The DEIR outlines a number of proposed strategies to reduce air pollution in the West Oakland Community that involve Caltrans. Caltrans recognizes the importance of implementing strategies to improve the air quality in the West Oakland area and is committed to working with the lead agency and its partners in evaluating and prioritizing these strategies. We look forward to working towards our mutual goal of fostering a livable and healthy community of West Oakland.
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.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 510-622-6053 or erik.alm@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Erik Alm, AICP
District Office Chief
Transit and Community Planning

c: State Clearinghouse

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER NO. 6
Department of Transportation

Response 6-1:

The Air District appreciates your comments from Caltrans on the Draft EIR and notes that any construction work or traffic control that encroaches onto the State right-of-way requires a Caltrans encroachment permit in accordance with applicable law.