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Project: 499 Forbes Boulevard – Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Dear Christy Usher:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this 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 November 2019 NOP.

Project Understanding

The project includes the construction of a five-story, 128,737 sq. ft. office building and a five-level 84,280 sq. ft. parking structure with 267 parking spaces. The project will also include an improvement to the existing railroad tracks as part of the City's Rails-to-Trails program and a modification to an existing center landscape median in the public Right-of-Way. Regional access is provided one mile away from the proposed project at US-101.

Highway Operations

Caltrans commends the project sponsor for submitting a preliminary Transportation Demand Management Plan and for implementing a last mile shuttle program.

In the Transportation Impact Analysis of the draft Environmental Impact Review, please include the intersections at the Northbound (NB) and Southbound (SB) US-101 ramps for Airport Boulevard, Grand Avenue and Oyster Point Boulevard. Include on-ramp and off-ramp storage capacity analyses to determine if the

proposed developments would impact these ramps, and if so, provide mitigation measures to reduce any queuing that spills back onto the freeway or city streets.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of South San Francisco is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to US-101. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mark Leong at 510-286-5528 or mark.leong@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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