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Fairgrounds Self-Storage- Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Jonathan Atkinson:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Pinole Square 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 MND for the project.

Project Understanding
This project is located at Fairgrounds Drive and Valle Vista Avenue in Vallejo. The site is adjacent to Interstate (I)-80. The project proposes a self-storage facility with an approximate building area of 106,360 square feet. 14 total parking spaces will be provided along with landscape improvements, perimeter fencing, and a bio-retention basin at the northeast corner of the project site.

Hydrology
To assess any potential impacts to our State Transportation Network (STN), Caltrans requests that drainage plans be provided as the project progresses. In Section X, *Hydrology and Water Quality*, a bioretention basin is shown. Please include the supporting calculations for the bioretention basin to demonstrate that the proposed project would meet the criteria of less than significant impact to the existing drainage pattern.

Utilities
Any utilities that are proposed, moved or modified within Caltrans' Right-of-Way (ROW) shall be discussed. If utilities are impacted by the project, provide site plans that show the location of existing and/or proposed utilities. These modifications require a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit.

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

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,

Mark Leong
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cc: State Clearinghouse