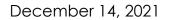
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STATE CLEARING HOUSE

Adam Wolff Director of Planning and Building Town of Corte Madera 300 Tamalpais Drive Corte Madera, CA 94925

Re: Residence Inn Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Adam Wolff:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Residence Inn 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 2021 Draft MND.

Project Understanding

The proposed project is located along US-101 in the Town of Corte Madera. The project proposes to demolish existing structures including a 110-room hotel, standalone restaurant building, and ancillary infrastructure. The project will construct a new 149-room hotel, off-site frontage and pedestrian improvements, and underground facilities along Tamal Vista Boulevard.

Travel Demand Analysis

The project VMT analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory. Per the IS/MND, this project is found to have a less than significant VMT impact, therefore working towards meeting the State's VMT reduction goals.

Construction-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to the State Right-of-Way (ROW) from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to

construction and noise should be identified. Trucks, construction, and demolition equipment must not stage on Caltrans' facilities, including highway on and off ramps. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, visit: <u>https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits</u>. Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the STN.

Utilities

Any utilities that are proposed, moved, or modified within Caltrans' 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 Caltransissued encroachment permit.

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the Town of Corte Madera is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network (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 State ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. 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 package, digital set of plans clearly delineating the State ROW, digital copy 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. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

To download the permit application and to obtain more information on all required documentation, visit <u>https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications</u>.

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email <u>LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Mark Long

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c: State Clearinghouse