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Re: Contra Costa County 2026 Urban Limit Line Renewal – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Will Nelson:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Contra Costa 2026 Urban Limit Line Renewal Project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the August 2025 Initial Study (IS) and the 2045 General Plan and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Environmental Impact Report (GPEIR), referred to in the IS.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position or approval by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed project is an amendment to the Land Use Element of the Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan and the 65/35 Contra Costa Land Preservation Plan Ordinance. The proposal extends the Urban Limit Line (ULL) and the 65/35 Plan term through December 2051. The proposed project also modifies the ULL review requirements and revises the ULL map.

Travel Demand Analysis

With the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 743, Caltrans is focused on maximizing efficient development patterns, innovative travel demand reduction strategies, and multimodal improvements. For more information on how Caltrans assesses Vehicle

Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis for land use projects, please review Caltrans' Transportation Impact Study Guide ([link](#)).

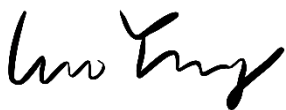
The project VMT analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation's (LCI) Technical Advisory. Per the IS and GPEIR, this project is found to have significant VMT impact. Please consider reviewing relevant transportation plans for more potential VMT mitigation projects.

- Plan Bay Area 2050 (Metropolitan Transportation Commission)
- State Route (SR) 4 Vision Study (CCTA)
- Caltrans Plans and Reports:
 - Contra Costa Interstate (I)680 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP)
 - SR 4 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP)
 - SR 24 CSMP
 - SR 160 Transportation Concept Report

Additionally, please note that the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) VMT Mitigation Program Study was funded through Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Program to assist local agencies in identifying and quantifying mitigations to VMT impacts and improve multimodal transportation to serve Contra Costa residents. The County is encouraged to collaborate with Caltrans and CCTA to assess and develop a regional VMT mitigation program to reduce VMT in an effective and feasible manner.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mary McGee, Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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