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### **Re: Bay Area Vipassana Center – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Lara Tran:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Bay Area Vipassana Center 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 February 2026 DEIR.

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 will develop a 10-acre camp and retreat center for teaching and practicing Vipassana meditation mostly along the eastern half of the 54.59-acre project site. A total of 18 structures totaling 53,260 square feet would be constructed along with demolition of an existing barn and various on-site improvements for site access and utilities. The project site is located approximately 0.8 of a mile north of State Route (SR) 152.

#### **Construction-Related Impacts**

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, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)).

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Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Luana Chen, Associate Transportation Planner, via [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto: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](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luo Yunsheng'.

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