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Re: Port of Redwood City Ferry Terminal Project – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Don Snaman:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Port of Redwood City Ferry Terminal 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 September 2026 DEIR.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project.

Project Understanding

The proposed project will establish a ferry terminal with passenger ferry service operated by the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA). The ferry terminal would consist of a ferry dock, gangway, security gate, kiosks, portable restroom, bicycle storage, and surface parking lot, roadway improvements to provide multimodal site access, relocation of existing infrastructure to accommodate the new uses, and an extension of the Bay Trail. The proposed site is located about 1.7 miles east of the U.S. 101 and State Route 84 interchange.

Climate Change

The proposed Project would provide protection for surrounding roadways, including U.S. 101, which is the primary highway vehicles would use to access the proposed ferry station, by raising the site from approximately 10 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) to 17 feet NAVD88. The document uses the Ocean Protection

Council's (OPC) 2018 guidance for its sea level rise projections. Please note that the Ocean Protection Council has provided updated guidance in its 2024 report (*link*).

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*). 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 Mary McGee, Associate 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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