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## Re: Masson Estates – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Christopher Riordan:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Masson Estates 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 December 2025 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 includes the development of 25 single family homes near State Route 9.

### 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 DEIR, this project is found to have significant VMT impact. Please consider potential involvement in the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)'s Equitable

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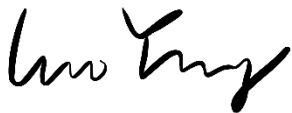
VMT Mitigation Program for Santa Clara County which was awarded through Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Program to assist local agencies in identifying and quantifying mitigations to VMT impacts and improve multimodal transportation to serve Santa Clara County residents. The City is encouraged to collaborate with Caltrans and VTA to assess and develop a regional VMT mitigation program to reduce VMT in an effective and feasible manner.

**Lead Agency**

As the Lead Agency, the City 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.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Marley Mathews, 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,



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