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Cort Hitchens, Environmental Project Manager
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Re: 5670 Camden Avenue Residential Project – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Cort Hitchens:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 5670 Camden Avenue Residential 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 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 remove the existing sports fields and structures and replace them with 108 townhouse units, the majority of which would be mixed market-rate. A total of 22 would be maintained as Low Income Dwelling units.

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 and the guidance of the City of San Jose. Per the DEIR, this project is found to have significant VMT impact. It is noted that the project will pay a VMT Impact Fee to construct a new traffic signal at the Camden Avenue/Singletree Way intersection to mitigate the traffic impact. Please consider the following measures and VMT programs.

The DEIR stated that the applicant shall implement a Transportation demand Management (TDM) Plan to further reduce the project VMT. The TDM plan should be documented with annual monitoring reports by a TDM coordinator to demonstrate effectiveness. If the project does not achieve the VMT reduction goals, the reports should also include next steps to take to achieve those targets.

Please also consider the measures listed below are quantified by California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and shown to have different efficiencies reducing regional VMT

- Provide Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- Provide Secure Bike Parking
- Provide Pedestrian Network Improvement
- Construct or Improve Bike Facility
- Construct or Improve local Bike Boulevard
- Expand Bikeway Network

Please note that the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Equitable VMT Mitigation Program for Santa Clara County 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 the residents of Santa Clara County. The City is encouraged to collaborate with Caltrans and VTA to assess and develop a regional VMT mitigation program to reduce VMT in projects like this 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. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luo" and last name "Yunsheng" clearly distinguishable.

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c: State Clearinghouse