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Re: San Anselmo General Plan 2045 Update— Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Heidi Scoble:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the San Anselmo General Plan 2045 Update. 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 July 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 plan is a General Plan 2045 Update for San Anselmo that will replace the existing General Plan, which was adopted in 1988 and amended from time to time with the most recent amendments adopted in 2024. In addition, the Town recently updated the Housing Element, which addresses the 2023-2031 planning period and the Town's Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 833 units, in 2023.

Multimodal Transportation Planning
Please review and include reference to the *Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Plan* (2021) and the *Caltrans Bay Area Bike Plan Update* (2025) in the DEIR. These two plans studied existing conditions for walking and biking along and across the State Transportation Network (STN) in the nine-county Bay Area and developed a list of location-based and prioritized needs.

Please note that any Complete Streets reference should be updated to reflect Caltrans Director's Policy 37 (*link*) that highlights the importance of addressing the needs of non-motorists and prioritizing space-efficient forms of mobility, while also

facilitating goods movement in a manner with the least environmental and social impacts. This supersedes Deputy Directive 64-R1 and further builds upon its goals of focusing on the movement of people and goods.

Lead Agency
As the Lead Agency, the Town 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.

Equitable Access
If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Equity and Public Engagement
We will achieve equity when everyone has access to what they need to thrive no matter their race, socioeconomic status, identity, where they live, or how they travel. Caltrans is committed to advancing equity and livability in all communities. We look forward to collaborating with the Town to prioritize projects that are equitable and provide meaningful benefits to historically underserved communities.

Caltrans encourages the Town to foster meaningful, equitable and ongoing public engagement in the General Plan development process to ensure future transportation decisions and investments reflect community interests and values. The public engagement process should include community-sensitive and equity-focused approaches seeking out the needs of individuals from underserved, Tribal, and low-income communities, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities.

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.

Sincerely,

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c: State Clearinghouse