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Cindy Lemaire, Project Planner
City of San Leandro
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Re: Alco Iron and Metals Facility Expansion Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Cindy Lemaire:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Alco Iron and Metal Facility Expansion 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 October 2025 MND.

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 would involve reconfiguring operations on the ferrous metal portion of the Alco Iron and Metals facility and expanding those operations to a two-acre expansion area adjacent to the west of the existing facility near State Route (SR) 61.

Travel Demand Analysis

The project vehicle miles traveled (VMT) analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with City's adopted VMT guidelines. Per the MND, this project is found to have a less than significant VMT impact.

Hydrology

The project is in a base flood plain. FEMA map 06001C0254H, effective December 21, 2018, shows the site is in a 0.2% annual flood hazard area. Please provide a floodplain

analysis report and document and mitigate any floodplain impacts. Any additional floodplain impacts on existing adjacent properties should be explained.

Please ensure that any increase in storm water runoff to State Drainage Systems or Facilities be treated, contained on project site, and metered to preconstruction levels. If the project involves drainage work that flows into the State Drainage System, please provide a drainage design memorandum, which shows how the proposed drainage system flows on the plans. The drainage design memorandum should include pre and post project flow to the existing drainage system. Drainage plan and profile sheets should include lengths, size, and types of new and existing pipes, inlets, outlets, and systems showing any utility conflicts. Plans should also include drainage details and profiles for connection to the existing drainage system. Assumptions and calculations used in designing the drainage system should be shown.

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).

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any temporary or permanent work including traffic control that encroaches in, under, or over any portion of the State highway Rights-of-Way (ROW) requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit.

The Office of Encroachment Permits requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review and circulate the permit application package. The review and approval of encroachment projects is managed through the Encroachment Permits Office Process (EPOP) or the Project Delivery Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP), depending on project scope, complexity, and completeness of the application. Please use the following resources to determine the appropriate review process:

- TR-0416 Applicant's Checklist ([link](#))
- Caltrans Encroachment Projects Processes – Information Video ([link](#))
- Flowchart, Figure 1.2 in Section 108, Overview of the Encroachment Review Process, of Chapter 100 – The Permit Function, Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual ([link](#))

The permit approval typically takes less than 60 days, but may take longer depending on the project scope, size, complexity, completeness, compliance with applicable

laws, standards, policies, and quality of the permit package submitted. Projects requiring exceptions to design standards, exceptions to encroachment policies, or external agency approvals may need more time to process.

To obtain more information and download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)).

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

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

YUNSHENG LUO
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Office of Regional and Community Planning

c: State Clearinghouse