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Re: SCH #2025110183 - Airport Village Multifamily Housing Project, PLP24-0016

Dear Jen:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division) has reviewed the NOP - Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR. One of the goals of the Division is to assist cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) or their equivalent, to understand and comply with the State Aeronautics Act pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), Section 21001 et seq. Caltrans encourages collaboration with our partners in the planning process and thanks you for including the Division of Aeronautics in the review of the NOP.

Safety Compatibility Policies / Compliance with Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP)

The proposed Project site is in Traffic Pattern Zone (TPZ) B, of the Charles M. Schulz–Sonoma County Airport and therefore must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions defined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) adopted by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674. Sonoma County should consider TPZ B Compatibility policies stipulated in the ALUCP or Handbook.

Airspace Protection Policies

California Public Utilities Code Section 21659 prohibits structural hazards near airports. Structures should not be at a height that will result in penetration of the airport imaginary surfaces. In accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace" a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) may be required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). For further information or a copy of Form 7460-1, please refer to the FAA website https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp.

Closing Statements
An ALUCP is crucial in minimizing noise nuisance and safety hazards around airports while promoting the orderly development in the vicinity of airports, as declared by the California Legislature. A responsibility of the ALUC is to assess potential risk to aircraft and persons in airspace and people occupying areas within the vicinity of the airport.

These comments reflect the areas of review by Caltrans Division of Aeronautics with respect to airport-related noise, safety, and land use planning issues. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at ahmed.akhtar@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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