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Re: Bay Rise Park Project – Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Dear Ruben Hurin:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Bay Rise Park 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 Draft IS/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 develop a new park on a vacant and undeveloped 10.2-acre site along the San Francisco Bay shoreline that is located within a mile of U.S. Route 101 (U.S. 101). Construction of an education center/event building, a drop-off loop and on-site parking lot with 29 spaces, and other recreational amenities are proposed. The project also proposes restoration of natural tidal-marsh ecology of the portion of the Bay shoreline within the project site as well as improvement of the section of the Bay Trail on the project site.

Aeronautics
The proposed project site is located within two miles of the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and is therefore within the airport's influence area. Recreational open space, trails, and passive park uses are generally compatible with airport operations and do not introduce new noise-sensitive residential uses. However, the proposed education center/event building, access ramps, parking areas, and potential water-

related activities warrant coordination with applicable Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) policies to ensure consistency with height, safety, and operational considerations.

From an aviation safety perspective, the project should confirm that all permanent structures, temporary construction equipment (including cranes), and future vegetation will not penetrate protected airspace surfaces and will be subject to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airspace review as applicable. Exterior lighting should be designed to minimize glare or distraction to pilots, consistent with spill-prevention and shielding standards. In addition, given the site's proximity to the Bay and proposed water-access and restoration elements, the project should continue to avoid features that could substantially increase bird or wildlife activity that may pose a hazard to aircraft operating at SFO.

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*).

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