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Re: Sutter Santa Clara Hospital Project – Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Nimisha Agrawal:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Sutter Santa Clara Hospital 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 April 2024 NOP.

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 demolish existing on-site uses to construct a new 8-story, 302-bed hospital with a rooftop helipad, central utility plant, and 213 on-site parking spaces. A new off-site parking garage structure with 635 spaces would also be constructed. The project site is located in close proximity to U.S. Route 101 (U.S. 101) off of Great America Parkway.

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](#)). Caltrans looks forward to reviewing the VMT analysis in the DEIR when it is available.

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Construction-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to the State Right-of-Way (ROW) from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified. 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).

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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