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Re: Petal Fields Project – Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Joanna Wilk:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Petal Fields 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 2026 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 include development of 838 residential units, including 523 single family detached units, 145 single family attached units, and 170 multi-family rental units, with 20 percent of the multi-family rental units reserved for below market rate housing. Construction would also include open space, utility infrastructure, circulation and parking, a 3.5-mile-long water line extension, and an onsite water facility. The 134.52-acre project site is located in close proximity to U.S. Route 101 (U.S. 101) near Cochrane Rd.

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.

Highway Operations

Given the project's size and proximity to U.S. 101, please include the following information in the traffic study:

- Peak hour traffic generation;
- Impact assessment to State ramps. If appropriate, include ramp volume changes and queue analysis for off-ramps to ensure there is no backup onto mainlines as this is a significant traffic safety concern;
- Highlight any safety concerns that may arise due to the increase in traffic at intersections that involve State Right-of-Way (ROW);
- Concerns or issues that arise due to project impacts for pedestrians and/or bicyclists;
- Concerns or issues that arise due to project impacts for public transit.

Construction-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to the State 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).

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the County is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luo" and the last name "Yunsheng" written in a single continuous stroke.

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c: State Clearinghouse