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### **Re: San Carlos Parks Master Plan – Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)**

Dear Lisa Costa Sanders:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the San Carlos Parks Master Plan. 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 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 is a master plan for the 17 parks and open spaces located within the City of San Carlos. The plan outlines a long-term vision for the park area which includes three community parks, five neighborhood parks, five mini-parks, two special use parks, two open spaces, five facilities. These areas are spread throughout the city with Laureola Park and Frank D. Harrington Park being the closest to a State Right of Way (State Route 82).

#### **Multimodal System Planning**

Caltrans District 4 Multimodal System Planning (System Planning) would like to advise the City of several concurrent planning efforts within the Master Plan vicinity, which are described below. System Planning recommends these planning efforts be incorporated into the Transportation section of the IS/MND by reference.

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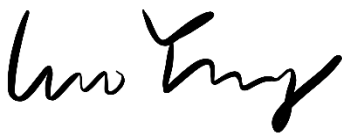
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System Planning is currently preparing a Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) along all of State Route (SR 82) within San Mateo County, the SR 82 North CMCP. The purpose of this document will be to identify key needs and challenges in the corridor and develop a balanced and equitable transportation system that integrates multimodal mobility choices. In addition, this CMCP is being prepared in close coordination with the SamTrans-led, multi-agency Grand Boulevard Initiative (GBI) concurrently being conducted with all local cities along SR 82 within San Mateo County. Lastly, more specific to the Parks Master Plan location and consistent with GBI, SamTrans is also leading the Central El Camino Real (ECR) Multimodal Plan, a planning project being coordinated with the cities of San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, and Redwood City. The Central ECR Plan is aimed at providing multimodal transportation enhancements along this 8.5-mile portion of SR 82.

System Planning notes that some City parks identified for improvement in the Master Plan are in walking proximity to SR 82. As the IS/MND states, "the Plan intends to improve connectivity and provide opportunities for non-vehicular transportation through improvements to trail, cycling, and walking infrastructure." These Master Plan goals are seemingly aligned with those of the SR 82 North CMCP, GBI, and Central El Camino Real Multimodal Plan. System Planning recommends that the City coordinate with Caltrans and SamTrans to ensure the Parks Master Plan is consistent with these ongoing planning efforts.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mary McGee, Associate Transportation Planner, via [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto: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](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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