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Lindsay Morrow, Senior Environmental Planner
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Rancho Cordova 2050 General Plan

Dear Lindsay Morrow,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review process for the project referenced above. We reviewed this local development for impacts to the State Highway System (SHS) in keeping with our mission, vision, and goals, some of which includes addressing equity, climate change, and safety, as outlined in our statewide plans such as the California Transportation Plan, Caltrans Strategic Plan, and Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure.

The Rancho Cordova 2050 General Plan (Project) proposes to update the existing 2006 General Plan to reflect the City's past accomplishments, adopted plans and initiatives, and new priorities. The Project would also address changes in State law that affect general plans, advancements in contemporary planning principles, and updates to General Plan guidelines and technical advisories from the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and would plan for growth anticipated to occur through 2050. The Project would modify goals, policies, and implementation programs and update the General Plan land use diagram. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will evaluate the land use map approved by the City Council on July 6, 2026, as well as updates to General Plan policy provisions. The Project will consider both land within the city limits and the overall planning area. The city encompasses approximately 39 square miles in easter Sacramento County along the US Highway 50 corridor, west of the City of Folsom, east of the City of Sacramento, and approximately 10 miles south of the City of Roseville. The planning area extends east and west of the city limits. Based on the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (NOP EIR) provided, we provide the following comments.

Complete Streets

The General Plan area includes a number of Specific Plan areas that feature mixed-use land-usage near State Route (SR) 16 and other major roadways which may affect the bicycle and pedestrian volumes in those and surrounding areas.

Please consider the need for active transportation facilities in the new General Plan's circulation element, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities along or in the vicinity of SR16 and Sunrise Blvd where development is intensifying.

Please consider including bike and pedestrian circulation in the circulation element, as well as referencing or linking to the latest city Active Transportation Plan.

Please also consider discussion of bike and pedestrian access to parks and open spaces in the relevant sections of the new General Plan.

Please provide our office with copies of any further actions regarding this proposal. We would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on any changes related to this development.

If you have any questions regarding these comments or require additional information, please contact Robynn Spence, Local Development Review Coordinator, by phone at (530) 812-6874 or via email at D3.local.development@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

David J. Smith

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