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Ms. Leigha Schmidt  
Planning Division  
City of Hayward  
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Hayward, CA 94541

**2nd and Walpert Residential Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the project referenced above. The project proposes construction of a residential development consisting of 97 detached units on approximately 15 acres of primarily vacant land. State Route 238 (SR), also called Mission Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard, is approximately 0.6 miles from the project site. Our comments seek to promote the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and build active communities rather than sprawl. We have reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration and have the following comments to offer.

***Mitigation Responsibility***

As the lead agency, the City of Hayward (City) is responsible for all project mitigation including needed improvements to State highways, if any. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

***Traffic Analysis***

Table V, located in the project's Traffic Impact Study, summarizes the 95th percentile queue length at several intersections under Existing and Exiting plus Project Conditions Scenarios (Appendix H, Traffic Impact Study, page 19). As directed in the notes section of the table, please make necessary corrections to show bold text where the 95th percentile queue exceeds the storage lengths. This will clarify intersection conditions for our comparison review.

***Transportation Impact Fees***

Given the project's contribution to area traffic and its proximity to SR 238, the project should contribute fair share transportation impact fees toward future improvements on the State

highways, specifically at the Foothill Boulevard/"A" Street, Fletcher Lane/Mission Boulevard, and Foothill Boulevard/City Center Drive intersections where the 95th percentile queues at turn pockets exceed storage lengths. Please consider fair share contributions to the regional fee program as applicable and multimodal programs to improve transit. This would not only benefit the region but also reduce any queuing on local roadways caused by highway congestion.

***Vehicle Trip Reduction***

Caltrans encourages the City to locate future housing, jobs, and employee-related services near major mass transit centers with connecting streets configured to facilitate walking and biking. This would promote mass transit use thereby reducing regional vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and traffic impacts. Suggested Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies include unbundling of residential parking, bicycle parking and facilities, dedicated car-sharing parking, and providing transit passes or subsidies to residents. TDM programs should be monitored and documented to demonstrate effectiveness. This smart growth approach is consistent with MTC's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy goals of both increasing non-auto mode transportation, and reducing per capita VMT by 10 percent each.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or seek additional information, please contact Sherie George at (510) 286-5535 or [sherie.george@dot.ca.gov](mailto:sherie.george@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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