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Subject: RE: D7 Caltrans Letters

Thanks for forwarding. Will review these letters.

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From: David Somers <david.somers@lacity.org>
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Hi Alyssa,

I wanted to pass on a few more letters we have received from Caltrans D7 on development projects. While two of the letters appear in line with State guidance, we find the two letters presumably assigned to Alan Lin to be of some concern in their over-generalized method for freeway queuing analysis:

- The Albany Project, submitted on March 25th, 2020
- The Modera Argyle Project, submitted on May 30th, 2020

The Modera Argyle comment letter is specifically problematic in that it includes language (see enumerated #2.) alleging an cumulative traffic impact on state facilities without reference to criteria, and appears to directly contradict the intent of SB 743. Also, the Modera Argyle comment letter is silent to our Interim Freeway Guidance Memo published May 1st where we proposed a method to identify freeway queuing that could potentially be associated with a safety concern.

We would certainly appreciate any suggestions you may have on how this discrepancy can be addressed.

Thanks in advance,
David

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 5:36 PM David Somers <david.somers@lacity.org> wrote:

A few additional letters (and responses) attached.

On Wed, Jan 29, 2020 at 5:30 PM Rubina Ghazarian <rubina.ghazarian@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Alyssa,

I wanted to send one other letter forwarded from our colleagues. Please see attached.

Thank you,

Rubina

On Mon, Jan 27, 2020 at 6:31 PM David Somers <david.somers@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Alyssa,

From the call today, I am resharing the Caltrans D7 letters we know of, which I think you already have. The most recent is from November 6, 2019. We can reach out to our Major Projects team at DCP to see if they have received any more.

We really appreciate your offer to be the remediary while the new Guidelines are being sorted out.

David

On Wed, Oct 9, 2019 at 9:18 AM David Somers <david.somers@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Alyssa and Chris,

See another Caltrans Districts 7. This letter is an improvement in that it references the new VMT analysis procedures, though still makes reference to HCM method for studying delay on freeway ramps at key intersections as part of the CEQA document. Further complicating the matter, is that Caltrans seems to just reflect the statement in the NOP that traffic and CMP intersections segments may be significant under CEQA, which was released by the Department of City Planning (DCP). It's still early in our post-adoption, so it makes that we are still updating our letter templates, though in the future, I expect we will not be identifying additional traffic at CMP intersections as a potential impact in NOP letters.

David

On Mon, Sep 30, 2019 at 5:39 PM David Somers <david.somers@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi all, thanks again for your support to review the letters. See attached the most recent. I'll forward others as they come to our attention.

David Somers

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"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." - [Rabindranath Tagore](#)

"Protect the Earth, explore the universe, and serve people." - [Governor Edmund G. Brown](#)

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On Mon, Sep 30, 2019 at 3:42 PM Wietgreffe, Wade (CPC) <wade.wietgreffe@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hello Chris and Alyssa,

Please see attached letter, page 2: Highway Operations, comments concerning a road diet project in San Francisco.

Thank you for your offer to review this letter in relation to your conversations at the state level. I appreciate the continued collaboration,

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