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### **Re: Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening – Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Jan Novak,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the May 2022 NOP.

#### **Project Understanding**

The proposed project would increase the width of the Port's two existing turning basins to accommodate a vessel with a capacity of 19,000 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Uni (TEU) and a length of 1,310 feet. This project will also require federal approval under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

#### **Climate Change**

Please keep Caltrans Transportation Planning & Local Assistance's Climate Change Branch informed about the adaptation measures as they are developed and implemented near the Oakland Harbor shoreline. Caltrans D4 is interested in engaging in multi-agency collaboration early and often, to find multi-benefit sea level rise solutions when planning and implementing adaptation measures, including nature-based solutions. Please contact Vishal Ream-Rao Climate Change Branch Chief, at [vishal.ream-rao@dot.ca.gov](mailto:vishal.ream-rao@dot.ca.gov) with any questions.

### **Equitable Access**

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MARK LEONG  
District Branch Chief  
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c: State Clearinghouse