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### **Re: Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Khamly Chuop:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening project. 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 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 October 2023 DEIR.

#### **Project Understanding**

The proposed project involves widening the turning basins at the Oakland Seaport. The turning basin in the Seaport's inner harbor would be widened by 334 feet, from its current diameter of 1,500 feet to 1,834 feet and would require dredging and removal of landside property along the shoreline at the Seaport in the City of Oakland and along the shoreline in the City of Alameda. The turning basin in the Seaport's outer harbor would be widened by 315 feet, from its current diameter of 1,650 feet to 1,965 feet; widening the turning basin in the outer harbor would be conducted via dredging.

#### **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 solutions that protect vulnerable shorelines, communities, infrastructure, and the environment. Please contact Vishal Ream-Rao, Caltrans Bay Area Climate Change Planning at [D4\\_ClimateResilience@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D4_ClimateResilience@dot.ca.gov) with any questions or for potential collaboration opportunities.

### **Construction-Related Impacts**

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)). Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

### **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. Please also consider, mitigating community health impacts (e.g., noise, air quality, access, or mobility) especially those in disadvantaged communities near the project site. 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, please contact Llisel Ayon, Associate Transportation Planner, via [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov). For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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