



City of Sunnyvale
Attn: George Schroeder, Senior Planner
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February 11, 2019

Re: Comments on Lawrence Station Area Plan (LSAP) Housing Study and Boundary Expansion

Dear George:

Thank you for including the City of Santa Clara in the environmental review process for Lawrence Station Area Plan (LSAP) Housing Study and Boundary Expansion ("Project"). City staff has reviewed the Notice of Preparation for studying additional housing potential in the Sunnyvale LSAP and expanding the boundary to include three additional office/research and development (R&D) sites.

The following comments are provided following our review of the NOP.

Transportation/Traffic

- The City of Santa Clara uses criteria within the VTA TIA Guidelines as a basis for determining study intersections. Accordingly, municipal and CMP intersections with ten or more project trips per approach lane should be analyzed. It is likely that project trips would travel to employment areas within Santa Clara. Intersections along Kifer Road, Central Expressway, Lawrence Expressway, Great America Parkway/Bowers Avenue and Arques Avenue/Scott Boulevard should be included in the traffic analysis should they meet the VTA 10-trip rule.
- Please use peak hour factors collected at time of counts, except at CMP intersections, and use our actual signal timing parameters for any intersections analyzed within the jurisdiction of Santa Clara. For signal timing or current intersection count data, please contact Carol Shariat at (408) 615-3024 or cshariat@santaclaraca.gov.
- The Sunnyvale Lawrence Station Area Plan (LSAP) should coordinate this plan with the Santa Clara Lawrence Station Area Plan immediately to the north of this project. Information regarding the City of Santa Clara's Lawrence Station Area Plan can be found at: <http://santaclaraca.gov/government/departments/communitydevelopment/planning-division/specific-plans/lawrence-station>.
- The existing LSAP recommends a road diet on Kifer Road. The City of Santa Clara does not support the road diet recommendation along Kifer Road within the plan. The City would like Sunnyvale to reconsider this recommendation in the revised plan. This recommendation will increase congestion along this roadway within the City of Santa Clara.

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- The City of Santa Clara is currently working on our Creek Trail Master Plan which includes Calabazas Creek Trail which runs within the Sunnyvale LSAP area. For further information, related to this project, please contact Nguyen Cam at (408) 615- 3043 or ncam@santaclaraca.gov. Please coordinate any bike and pedestrian improvements with the Santa Clara Creek Trail Master Plan and consider connecting them to the proposed Calabazas Creek Trail.
- According to the CMP Guidelines, the TIA report must also include an analysis of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in terms of their availability, project effects on future bike/pedestrian plans, and improvements proposed by the project. Maps and information on existing and planned bicycle facilities within Santa Clara can be found on the City's website at <http://santaclaraca.gov/government/departments/public-works/engineering/committees/bicycle-and-pedestrian-advisory-committee>.
- The project site is located at the western boundary of the City of Santa Clara. Relevant approved projects within Santa Clara need to be included in the study estimates of the Background traffic volumes. This is consistent with the CMP TIA Guidelines. A list of approved projects within the City of Santa Clara is attached.
- Similarly, pending projects within Santa Clara needs to be incorporated in the Cumulative traffic volume estimates, in order to reflect the growth in both the local and regional traffic. A list of pending projects within the City of Santa Clara is attached.
- Any physical improvements required or planned at study intersections needs to evaluate secondary impacts to alternative modes of transportation.
- Fair share contributions should be made for significant impacts found along Santa Clara roadways and/or intersections, including the expressways.

Please draft the EIR and technical reports per the comments above. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Reena Brilliot, Planning Manager, via email at rbrilliot@SantaClaraCA.gov or phone at 408-615-2452.

Best regards,



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