

Responses to Public Comments on the 3035 El Camino Real Residential Project MND

The following are responses to written public comments submitted to the City on the 3035 El Camino Real Residential Project *Mitigated Negative Declaration* (MND). Comment letters were submitted during the document's 30-day public review period, from July 16, 2019 through August 14, 2019. One comment letter was received from the California Department of Transportation, (Caltrans), dated August 12, 2019. The letters are attached to this staff report under correspondence. This attachment iterates comments received and provides responses.

Responses to comments from California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4, Dated August 12, 2019

Comment A-1: Landscaping

Per Topic 405.1 Sight Distance of the Highway Design Manual (HDM,) corner sight distance requirements as described in the HDM are not applied to urban driveways. Per Table 90.3 Large Tree Setback Requirements on Conventional Highways, large trees must be set back a minimum 18" from the face of the curb to the face of the tree trunk. Tree planting, trimming and landscape maintenance work performed within Caltrans right of way will require an encroachment permit. To view the HDM, please visit <https://dot.ca.gov/media/dot-media/programs/design/documents/hdm-complete-14dec2018.pdf>.

Response A-1: Caltrans' comments on the required setback for tree planting behind curb and on the encroachment permit process requirement (applicable to tree planting, trimming and landscape maintenance work on El Camino Real) is noted. No response is required.

Comment A-2: Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the City of Santa Clara is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Response A-2: Caltrans' comment on the responsibilities of the City to ensure project mitigation is acknowledged. Implementation measures and lead agency monitoring responsibilities are detailed in the Mitigation Monitoring Or Reporting Program (MMRP). No response is required.

Comment A-3: Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto SR-82 requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. To obtain an encroachment permit, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, six (6) sets of plans clearly indicating the State Right of Way, and six (6) copies of signed, dated and stamped (including stamp expiration date) traffic control plans must be submitted to:

Office of Encroachment Permits, California DOT

District 4, P.o. Box 23660

Oakland, CA 94623-0660

To download the permit application and obtain more information, visit:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

Response A-3: Caltrans' comments on the encroachment permit process requirement (applicable to the project's utility improvement work on El Camino Real) is noted. No response is required.