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Ms. T. Hornish  
Napa County Planning Department  
1195 Third Street, Suite 210  
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Ms. Hornish:

**ALPHA OMEGA WINERY – TRAFFIC IMPACT REPORT RESPONSE TO  
COMMENTS**

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Department) in the early stages of the environmental review process for the Alpha Omega Winery project. The following comment is based on the Response to Comments for the Traffic Impact Report (TIR). As the lead agency, the County of Napa is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to state highways. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures. Required roadway improvements should be completed prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. Since an encroachment permit is required for work in the state right of way (ROW), and the Department will not issue a permit until our concerns are adequately addressed, we strongly recommend that the County work with both the applicant and the Department to ensure that our concerns are resolved during the CEQA process, and in any case prior to submittal of a permit application. Further comments will be provided during the encroachment permit process; see the end of this letter for more information regarding encroachment permits.

***Traffic Impact Report***

The project will increase the Saturday afternoon peak past the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queue. The project needs to improve the deceleration lane length to current standards for the southbound (SB) left turn lane at the State Route (SR) 29/Mee Lane intersection.

***Encroachment Permit***

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto the state ROW requires an encroachment permit that is issued by the Department. To apply, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and five (5) sets of plans clearly indicating

state ROW must be submitted to the address below. Traffic-related mitigation measures should be incorporated into the construction plans during the encroachment permit process. See the website link below for more information. <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>

Michael Condie, District Office Chief  
Office of Permits  
California DOT, District 4  
P.O. Box 23660  
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Please forward a copy of the environmental document and a revised TIR to the address below as soon as they are available.

Sandra Finegan, Transportation Planner  
Community Planning Office, Mail Station 10D  
California DOT, District 4  
P.O. Box 23660  
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Please feel free to call or email Sandra Finegan of my staff at (510) 622-1644 or [sandra\\_finegan@dot.ca.gov](mailto:sandra_finegan@dot.ca.gov) with any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



LISA CARBONI  
District Branch Chief  
Local Development – Intergovernmental Review

c: Mark D. Crane, P.E.

From: <Cranetransgrp@aol.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 18, 2008 at 11:31 AM

Subject: Alpha Omega Winery Large Special Events - Impacts to Southbound Left Turn Lane on S.R.29 Approach to Mee Lane

To: rmarshall@co.napa.ca.us

Cc: anne@cottrell-cutting.net

Rick:

In response to questions in your July 11, 2008 e-mail, Alpha Omega Winery will be busing in attendees for all special events with 150 to 200 people during peak traffic periods on S.R.29. Buses will potentially all be coming from the south and making a right turn from northbound S.R.29 to Mee Lane. While most to all large events will potentially occur during Friday or weekend evenings, for the few large (150+) events that would occur during peak business hours (Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoons during the tourist season - July 1 through Labor Day), the applicant would agree to a condition of approval requiring that attendees arrive by bus or coach.

Mark Crane

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## MEMORANDUM

To:	Trish Hornisher, Planning	From:	Rick Marshall, Public Works <i>RM</i>
Date:	July 28, 2008	Re:	Alpha Omega Winery Traffic Analysis

I have reviewed the additional information provided in an email from Mark Crane of Crane Transportation Group. In it, Crane relates that the applicant "will be busing in attendees for all special events with 150 to 200 people during peak traffic periods on SR 29."

This proposal is another approach to addressing the concern about queuing in the left-turn lane on the State Highway. This would effectively eliminate the contribution of any significant traffic volume to the impacted turning movement, thus resulting in a sufficient mitigation of this potentially significant impact.

I recommend that this concept be incorporated into the Mitigation Measures for the project, as follows (I have edited a little from Crane's language to accomplish what I feel will be most effective):

"Attendees at all large (150+) events shall be required to arrive by bus or shuttle, for any events on Saturday afternoons between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend which either begin or end between 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m."

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

cc: Mark Crane  
Eric Sklar