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Ms. Nancy Johnson
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

**NAPA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE – DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Department) in the environmental review process for the Napa County General Plan Housing Element Update (HEU). The following additional comments are based on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). Our previous comments still apply and are incorporated here by reference.

Highway Operations

1. Various scenarios such as Baseline conditions, No Project conditions, Cumulative conditions, and No Project conditions are shown in the document but are not clearly defined. Level of service (LOS) analysis for the following scenarios should be included: 1) Existing, 2) Existing Plus Project, 3) 2015 No Project, 4) 2015 Plus Project, 5) Cumulative No Project, 6) Cumulative Plus Project.
2. Figures showing the Proposed Project Only trips and assignments should be included.
3. Peak hour traffic volumes for the Intersection #14 in Figure 4.4-5B and Figure 4.4-8B should be redistributed to reflect mitigated lane configurations.
4. Under "Mitigation Conditions" columns, the LOSs are not shown in Table 4.4-13 and Table 4.4-14 for Intersection #15. To address proposed project impacts, intersection LOS analyses should be performed with an assumption that the intersection would be constructed as a grade-separated interchange.

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Encroachment Permit

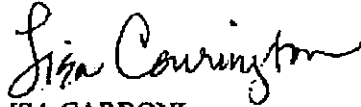
Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto the state ROW requires an encroachment permit that is issued by the Department. To apply, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and five (5) sets of plans clearly indicating state ROW must be submitted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

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

Sincerely,



for LISA CARBONI
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