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1195 Third Street, Suite 210
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Dear Ms. Shelton:

**Valley Gate Vineyards (Kirkland Ranch Winery) – Modification of Use Permit Application #97040-UP
– Updated Traffic Impact Report, dated October 5, 2011**

Thank you for continuing to include the California Department of Transportation (Department) in the environmental review process for the Valley Gate Vineyard (Kirkland Ranch Winery) expansion project. The following comments are based on the Updated Traffic Impact Report (TIR).

Traffic and Highway Operations

It appears that the Existing Eastbound left turn lane is not adequate to accommodate the project traffic queue. In determining the adequacy for a left turn lane, please refer to the Caltrans Highway Design Manual Index 405.2 which defines that a left turn lane must include storage and deceleration length.

As we discussed previously, the original use permit was approved 14 years ago in 1997. The 2011 project will require a current environmental document. Please provide at least one hard copy and one CD of the environmental document, along with revisions to the Traffic Study, including Technical Appendices, one full size and one 11" x 17" complete plan set to the following address as soon as they are available: Sandra Finegan, Associate Transportation Planner, Community Planning Office, Mail Station 10-D, California DOT, District 4, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660.

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

Sincerely,

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