

**RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE
CUHSD RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT INITIAL STUDY
File No. PDC20-001/PD20-005**

Introduction

This memorandum addresses the issues raised in public comments received by the City of San José on the Initial Study for a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for the proposed “CUHSD Residential Development Project.”. A total of one comment letter was received from one agency, as included below.

A. County of Santa Clara Roads and Airports Department (January 13, 2021)

Comment A.1: As of this MND, the “Background Plus Proposed Traffic Volumes” includes only one other confirmed project near Camden & Union intersection, according to the Traffic Impact Analysis (Appendix F) of the Initial Study. This is the Samaritan Medical Center Master Plan Project. The TIA should include all future and proposed projects within 1-mile radius, especially Cambrian Park Mixed Use Village. This is a large future development project that will further increase the volumes at Union and Camden, as well as further degrade the delay and queuing. The City needs to provide additional information as to what improvements will occur at the Union and Camden intersection as a result of cumulative impacts that consider this proposed project, the Cambrian Park Mixed Use Village, the Samaritan Medical Center Master Plan Project, and the Harker School project.

Response A.1: Transportation Analysis (Appendix F of the Draft IS/MND) was completed for the project consistent with City Council Policy 5-1, using standard methodologies and no significant impacts were identified. As part of the TA, an Local Transportation Analysis was completed for operation purposes. Conditions used to estimate “Background Plus Project” traffic volumes were based on projected volumes from approved, but not-yet-completed, developments included in an Approved Trips Inventory (ATI) by the City. The ATI does not include not-yet-approved projects. For this reason, any other future or proposed developments in the project area are not included in the Transportation Analysis for the discussion of “Background Plus Project” conditions. Consistent with this, if approved, the CUHSD residential project will be included in the background condition estimates for the Transportation Analysis of the Cambrian Park Mixed Use Village Project and thus, any transportation issues will be identified in the Cambrian Park Mixed Use Village report. In addition, because no significant unavoidable impacts are identified in the Draft Initial Study for the CUHSD Residential Development Project, an EIR is not being completed, and any discussion of potential cumulative impacts on project area traffic is beyond the scope of the project CEQA review. Therefore, this comment does not raise any significant environmental issues under CEQA or with the adequacy of the IS/MND and subsequent technical reports and no further response is required.

Comment A.2: The area west of project site is already designated as CIC (Combined Industrial Commercial) zoning. If development continues to increase within the area, the City needs to proceed

with appropriate annexation of Camden Avenue for the purposes of maintaining the remaining sections of roadway along Camden Ave and Union Ave.

Response A.2: The commenter does not raise any specific concern regarding the technical analysis. This comment has been passed on to Planning staff for consideration of future development in this area. Therefore, this comment does not raise any significant environmental issues under CEQA or with the adequacy of the IS/MND and subsequent technical reports and no further response is required. .

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SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Campbell Union High School District Property Residential Project (PDC20-001/PD20-005)

The County of Santa Clara Roads and Airports Department (The County) appreciates the opportunity to review the Public Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Campbell Union High School District Property Residential Project (PDC20-001/PD20-005), and is submitting the following comments:

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If you have any questions or concerns about these comments, please contact me at 408-573-2482 or ellen.talbo@rda.sccgov.org.

Thank you,

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