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Community Development Department  
City of Burlingame  
501 Primrose Lane  
Burlingame, CA 94010

Dear Mr. Hurin:

**1509 EL CAMINO REAL PROJECT – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the 1509 El Camino Real project. The following comments are based on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). As the lead agency, the City of Burlingame (City) 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. This information should also be presented in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan of the environmental document. 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 Caltrans will not issue a permit until our concerns are adequately addressed, we strongly recommend that the City work with both the applicant and Caltrans to ensure that our concerns are resolved during the California Environmental Quality Act (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.

***Pedestrian Safety***

1. The sidewalk improvements along El Camino Real should remain continuously level across the driveway with the driveway apron adjacent to the sidewalk. This will effectively slow turning vehicles, creating a safer environment for pedestrians.
2. Per the Caltrans Design Information Bulletin 82-04, "Pedestrian Accessibility Guidelines for Highway Project" the sidewalk needs to have at least 4 feet of clear unobstructed width and have no more than a 2% cross slope, including at driveways. The web link is included for your convenience: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/oppd/dib/dibprg.htm>

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***Cultural Resources***

Should project-related ground disturbing activities take place as part of this project within the state ROW and there is an inadvertent archaeological or burial discovery, in compliance with CEQA, PRC 5024.5, and the Caltrans Standard Environmental Reference (SER) Volume 2 (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/vol2/vol2.htm>), all construction within 50 feet of the find shall cease. The Caltrans District 4 Cultural Resource Study Office shall be immediately contacted at (510) 286-6336. A staff archaeologist will evaluate the finds within one business day after contact. Archaeological resources may consist of, but are not limited to, dark, friable soils, charcoal, obsidian or chert flakes, grinding bowls, shell fragments, or deposits of bone, glass, metal, ceramics, or wood.

***Encroachment Permit***

Please be advised that work that encroaches onto the state ROW requires an encroachment permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and five (5) sets of plans, clearly indicating state ROW, must be submitted to: Office of Permits, California DOT, District 4, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660. Traffic-related mitigation measures will be incorporated into the construction plans during the encroachment permit process. See the following website link for more information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>

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

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse