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Valiano Development DEIR

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Dear Ms. Ehsan:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Valiano Specific Plan project located near State Route 78 (SR-78). Caltrans has the following comments:

DEIR SUMMARY, Table S-1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS; Subchapter 2.8, Transportation/Traffic:

- The total existing queue length is 605 feet and the total existing+project queue length is 715 feet for the WB exit ramp at Nordahl Road/WB exit ramp intersection. The project adds 110 feet of additional queue.
- The existing queue length is #217 feet and the existing+project queue length is #240 feet for the NB left-turn to WB SR-78. The 23 feet queue length difference with a # symbol indicates that the volume exceeds capacity, and may result to longer queue length extending beyond the upstream Nordahl Road and EB ramps intersection.
- The total existing queue length is 418 feet and the total existing+project queue length is 448 feet for the EB exit ramp at Nordahl Road/EB exit ramp intersection. The project adds 30 feet of additional queue.
- The existing queue length is 158 feet and the existing+project queue length is #294 feet for the NB through traffic at Nordahl Road/EB exit ramp intersection. The project adds 136 feet of additional queue and exceeds capacity.

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Although the Traffic Impact Study mentions that the Nordahl Road Bridge has recently been constructed to provide additional vehicle capacity, Caltrans recommends that the developer contribute a fair share towards future SR-78 improvements currently being developed for the additional traffic generated by the proposed Valiano Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Sanchez of the Development Review branch at (619) 688-6494.

Sincerely,



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