

COMMENTS

RESPONSES

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT 11, DIVISION OF PLANNING
4050 TAYLOR ST, M.S. 240
SAN DIEGO, CA 92110
PHONE (619) 688-6960
FAX (619) 688-4299
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



Serious drought.
Help save water!

June 11, 2015

11-SD-78
PM 15
Valiano Development DEIR

Ms. Beth Ehsan
County of San Diego Planning
5510 Overland Ave, Suite 310
San Diego, CA 92123

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.

*"Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system
to enhance California's economy and livability"*

A-1
A-2
A-3
A-4
A-5

- A-1 The Project traffic analysis demonstrates that the Project does not have significant impacts on the Caltrans ramps; therefore, Caltrans submitted a revised letter on July 9 (Comment A-7) that replaced their original letter dated June 11 (Comment A-1 through A-6).
- A-2 See Response A-1.
- A-3 See Response A-1.
- A-4 See Response A-1.
- A-5 See Response A-1.

COMMENTS

RESPONSES

Ms. Beth Eshan
June 11, 2015
Page 2

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



JACOB ARMSTRONG, Branch Chief
Development Review Branch

A-6 See Response A-1.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - CALIFORNIA STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

EDMUND G. BROWN Jr., Governor

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 DISTRICT 11, DIVISION OF PLANNING
 4550 TAYLOR ST, M.S. 240
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92110
 PHONE (619) 688-6960
 FAX (619) 688-4296
 TTY 711
 www.dot.ca.gov



*Serious drought.
 Help save water!*

July 9, 2015

11-SD-78

PM 15

Valiano Development DEIR

Ms. Beth Ehsan
 County of San Diego Planning
 5510 Overland Ave, Suite 310
 San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Ms. Ehsan:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Valiano Specific Plan project located near State Route 78 (SR-78) and provided a comment letter dated June 11, 2015.

Caltrans comment letter for the DEIR dated June 11, 2015, recommended the consideration of a "fair share" contribution to SR-78 improvements based on the identification of increased queuing on the freeway ramps at the SR-78/Nordahl Road interchange from additional traffic generated by the Valiano Project.

However, after further consideration, Caltrans does not feel the additional queues resulting from the project are significant to warrant the identification of a new "impact" as part of the DEIR for the Valiano Specific Plan.

Therefore, this letter supersedes our previous letter for the DEIR dated June 11, 2015, and Caltrans is satisfied with the County responding in the Final EIR that the project does not have an "impact" at the SR-78/Nordahl Road that warrants the consideration of "fair share" as potential mitigation.

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

Sincerely,

JACOB ARMSTRONG, Branch Chief
 Development Review Branch

*"Provide a safe, sustainable, dependable and efficient transportation system
 to enhance California's economy and livability"*

A-7 See Response A-1.

A-7