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**COMMENTS TO CARMEL PROPERTIES COMPANY (RIO RANCH MARKET PLACE)
NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP)**

Dear Mr. Mack:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 5, Development Review, has reviewed the above referenced project and offers the following comments.

1. Caltrans supports local planning efforts that are consistent with State planning priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety. We accomplish this by working with local jurisdictions to achieve a shared vision of how the transportation system should and can accommodate interregional and local travel.
2. To ensure the traffic study in the Draft EIR includes the information needed to analyze the impacts (both cumulative and project-specific) of this effort, it is recommended that the analysis be prepared in accordance with the Department's *"Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies."* An alternative methodology that produces technically comparable results can also be used.
3. The traffic study should include information on existing traffic volumes within the study area, including the State transportation system, and should be based on recent traffic volumes less than two years old. Counts older than two years cannot be used as a baseline.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification on items discussed above, please contact me at (805) 549-3432 or Jenna.Schudson@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenna Schudson".

Jenna Schudson
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