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Mark Sullivan, Housing and Redevelopment Manager
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Community Development Department
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**Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the San Bruno Transit
Corridors Specific Plan**

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) staff reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) prepared for the City of San Bruno's (City) Transit Corridors Specific Plan (Plan). We understand that the Plan area covers roughly 160 acres and will serve as the guiding policy document for future development in the City's downtown area.

District staff supports the City's commitment to implementing a plan that enhances mobility through alternative modes of transportation. This includes diversifying the downtown area and increasing land use densities to support transit ridership, improving the Plan area's connectivity to the surrounding neighborhood so that people can more easily walk or bike to their destinations, and encouraging employers to adopt trip reduction programs. We also applaud the City's commitment to developing a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Plan to minimize GHG emissions from future development and also improve air quality and protect public health.

In addition, staff believes that the analysis of toxic air contaminants (TACs) is sound and the proposed mitigation measures to avoid health impacts on sensitive receptors will be effective. Staff supports Mitigation 5-1 that includes strategies to reduce dust impacts and more importantly reduce diesel exhaust emitted from construction equipment. Staff recommends the Plan also specify measures that apply to new development that may have new sources of TAC emissions. For example, if loading docks are electrified then trucks do not need to run their primary diesel engines when loading and unloading goods.

If you have any questions, please contact Ian Peterson, Environmental Planner, at (415) 749-4783.

Sincerely,

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