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City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
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Dear Ms. Williams:

**801 El Camino Real West Mixed-Use Project – Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)**

Thank you for continuing to include the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the project referenced above. We have reviewed the FEIR and have the following comments to offer.

***Response A4:*** *The intersection of SR 237 and El Camino Real is an intersection monitored in the CMP. The CMP traffic study analysis requirements were followed in the analysis of this intersection. The analysis guidelines require the use of output volumes and not demand volumes. Demand volume is the number of vehicles that could get through the intersection if it were not congested. Output volume is the number of cars that actually do get through the intersection.*

**Reply to Response A4:** All traffic analysis models require demand volumes as the input volumes in order to model traffic conditions. Caltrans continues to recommend this intersection be re-evaluated using the demand volumes to calculate the control Levels of Service (LOS).

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Brian Brandert of my staff at (510) 286-5505 or brian.brandert@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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