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Phil -

Thanks for the opportunity to review. There are some significant inaccuracies in your draft that we would urge you to correct.

If someone is telling you that this project will back up traffic on the Bay Bridge, they are seriously trying to mislead you. Nowhere in the Draft EIR does it conclude anything of the sort. Again, this report is meant to spell out worst case scenarios so that the City is ready to handle the traffic and transit impacts to and from the Arena during events.

First, I'm not sure how you can conclude that traffic will back up on the Bay Bridge "bringing traffic to near stand-still levels." According to the draft EIR, the I-80 westbound off-ramp at Fifth/Harrison has two dedicated travel lanes stretching 1,600 feet from Fifth and Harrison Streets to the I-80 westbound mainline. The project will add vehicles to this off ramp, changing its operation from 'D' to 'E' which means the off ramp can handle the additional traffic. So while there will be traffic on the ramp itself, similar to the I-280 northbound off-ramp at Mariposa Street, it is expected that vehicles would be accommodated without affecting freeway operations.

We are not proposing to turn on the metering lights and certainly are not planning to add or increase tolls when there are events. This is only a part of a discussion describing how the change from D to E is significant and unavoidable. Again, the city is not contemplating increasing tolls during arena events.

Also, as far as transit we are also providing special event shuttles to Caltrain, the Ferry Building, the Transbay Terminal, Van Ness Ave and 16th St BART as well as promoting rideshare, bikeshare and the bike valet, all of which will all reduce the demand for T-Third service.

With regard to the transfer at Powell Street from BART to the Central Subway. Powell Station and the new Union Square/ MARKET STREET station will be connected underground. The new station reached almost all the way to Market Street at its southern end. There is nothing unusual about this transfer.

Please call me at 415-572-7244 if you'd like to talk.

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