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September 15, 2003

Mr. Myke Praul
City of St. Helena
1480 Main Street
St. Helena, CA 94574

Dear Mr. Praul:

**ST. HELENA FLOOD PROTECTION – REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT**

Thank you for continuing to include the California Department of Transportation (Department) in the environmental review process for the St. Helena Flood Protection Project. While the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (Revised DEIR) did not respond to the Department's previous comment letters sent to the City on May 29 and March 12, 2003, these comments still apply to the project, and responses should be incorporated into the Revised DEIR. In addition, the relocation of homes and businesses should be accompanied by a Traffic Impact Study. Potential impacts of relocating these uses should be discussed and mitigation recommended, particularly in light of the proposed Adams Street extension, which will degrade operations at the State Route 29/Adams Street intersection from a level of service (LOS) C to a borderline LOS D/E *with mitigation*.

Please feel free to call or email Patricia Maurice of my staff at (510) 622-1644 or patricia_maurice@dot.ca.gov with any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Timothy C. Sable in cursive.

TIMOTHY C. SABLE
District Branch Chief
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c: Philip Crimmins, State Clearinghouse
John Ponte, Napa County Transportation Planning Agency

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