



August 31, 2023

Oscar Resendiz  
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Salinas, CA 93901

**RE: City of Salinas General Plan Amendment No. 2022-002 and Rezone No. 2022-002 for Alisal Marketplace**

Dear Mr. Resendiz:

Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) provides public transportation throughout Monterey County and operates an extensive bus network in the City of Salinas. MST has reviewed the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the City of Salinas General Plan Amendment and Rezone Project for Alisal Marketplace and would like to make the following comments.

MST serves, operates, and maintains six (6) stops within the project's vicinity with four (4) routes: Lines 23, 41, 42, and 96. Bus Stop No. 3401 (Alisal / Work) serves lines 41 and 42 in the eastbound direction. Bus Stop No. 3467 (E Alisal / Work) serves lines 41 and 42 in the westbound direction. Both stops are adjacent to the project site and provide service every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends.

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)**

The VMT reduction column under Table 4-8 Scoping Plan Reduction Measures Consistency Analysis mentions that the project site has 6 bus stops within 1000 feet of the project site. Please provide the full list of stops and a vicinity map with all 6 bus stops:

1. Alisal / Work (Stop ID: 3401)
2. E. Alisal / Work (Stop ID: 3467)
3. E. Alisal / California (Stop ID: 6094)
4. E. Alisal / Front (Stop ID: 6085)
5. E. Alisal / Soledad (Stop ID: 6082)
6. E. Alisal / Soledad (Stop ID: 6097)

MST also recommends that future developers incorporate pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure along the project site that are in accordance with AMBAG's 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (MTP/SCS) plan. The implementation of complete streets in areas with mixed-use can mitigate the project's potential increase in GHG emissions.

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## Transportation

Although no development is proposed at this time, the future development of the project site could result in an increase in traffic and demand for transportation alternatives. Access to adequate transit services can help mitigate both the environmental and transportation related impacts of new developments. Therefore, it is crucial for future developers to incorporate transit into their plans, including bus stop infrastructure improvements and enrolling in MST's Group Discount Program.

Please make the following corrections:

- Page 129: There is one (1) bus stop adjacent to the site ("East Alisal/Work" Stop ID: 3467) on East Alisal Street and Work Street for ~~Route~~ **Line 41** – Salinas-Alisal-Northridge **and Line 42 – Salinas-Alisal** operated by the Monterey-Salinas Transit **District** (MST) with service every 15 minutes **on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends.**
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## Closing

As this project moves forward, and a development is proposed, we ask that the City of Salinas continue to collaborate with MST to ensure that adequate transit service is available to this site. If you have any questions about the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at [epatel@mst.org](mailto:epatel@mst.org) or 831-264-9288.

Sincerely,



Emma Patel  
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