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#### **Summary**

This checklist identifies the minimum criteria a project must demonstrate to use the City's CAP for purposes of streamlining the analysis of greenhouse gas emissions under CEQA. Minimum criteria outlined below includes: 1) consistency with CAP forecasts, and 2) incorporation of applicable Near-Term (prior to 2016) strategies and measures from the CAP as binding and enforceable components of the project.

#### **Section 1: Consistency with CAP Forecasts**

The CAP's achievement of the 15% reduction below 2008 target is based on growth assumptions in the City's General Plan and regional growth forecasts. For eligibility to streamline from the CAP for purposes of an environmental analysis, projects must demonstrate consistency with CAP forecast assumptions using the criteria listed below. As appropriate, these criteria should be cited as evidence in any subsequent environmental document.

1A. Does the project include large stationary emissions sources that would be regulated by the Air District?				
	☐ Yes	⊠ No		
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<b>If yes</b> , the project may trigger additional changes to the physical environment that were not considered in the CAP and would otherwise by regulated by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Complete <b>1B</b> .				
1B. If this project is a stationary source emitter as outlined under 1A, does it also include any of the following emissions sources?				
Residential uses		☐ Yes	□ No	
Commercial uses		Yes	□ No	

If **no**, the project does not include any emissions sources that were assumed in CAP growth forecasts. Therefore, the project may trigger additional changes to the physical environment that were not considered in the CAP. CAP measures may be used to mitigate GHG emissions, but project-level analysis of GHG emissions using the California Emissions Estimator Model (CALEEMod) or another method must be prepared by a qualified air quality consultant. If **yes**, the project may include emissions sources mitigated by the CAP. Therefore, any sources identified in 1B may be eligible to claim consistency with the CAP. All stationary sources regulated by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District shall be analyzed separately. Other sources that were analyzed in the CAP may still qualify for streamlining, should the project demonstrate consistency with the CAP as outlined in **1C** and following sections below.

## 1C. Does the project trigger an amendment to or adoption of any of the following planning documents?

General Plan	☐ Yes	⊠ No			
Specific Plan	☐ Yes	⊠ No			
Precise Plan for El Camino Real	☐ Yes	⊠ No			
Please describe any amendments or adoption of new specific plans or special planning areas, as applicable:					

If **no**, then the project is eligible to claim consistency with growth assumptions that were used for CAP forecasts.

If **yes**, the project would trigger an amendment to or adoption of one or more of the documents list above, complete **1D** below.

1D. If the project triggers an amendment to the General Plan, specific plans, and/or special planning areas, complete the following table:

	Existing & Proposed Project		Proposed Project's Net Effect on Citywide Forecasts			
	Existing or Allowed Under Existing Zoning (A)	Proposed Project (B)	Net Change from Existing Zoning (C=B-A)	2020 CAP Forecast (D)	Proposed Project's Net Effect on Citywide 2020 Forecast (E = D+C)	Would Net Effect of Project Exceed the Citywide 2020 CAP Forecast?
Population				145,020		
Jobs				89,750		
Households / Dwelling Units				59,660		

Please describe any assumptions used to calculate existing, allowed, or proposed conditions:

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If no for all indicators above, then the project may be eligible to claim consistency with CAP growth assumptions. The project's assumed residents, employees, and households would not create a net increase on community-wide growth assumed in the CAP. The CAP uses these community-wide growth indicators to forecast community-wide emissions from residential energy use, nonresidential energy use, water-related emissions, and waste. Because the CAP uses these comparable indicators to forecast non-transportation related emissions, and the project would not exceed the CAP's assumed 2020 residents, employees, and dwelling units, the project's non-transportation emissions are therefore consistent with CAP growth assumptions and captured within the CAP's emissions forecast. Complete 1E below.

If yes to one or more indicators above, the proposed project's net effect on citywide 2020 forecasts would exceed the 2020 CAP forecast assumptions. Therefore, the project may trigger additional emissions not assumed in CAP growth forecasts.

Any projects that exceed the 2020 forecasts may still rely on the CAP for identification of measures and standards for mitigation. However, since such projects exceed the assumptions of the CAP forecast, it is recommended that the project demonstrate anticipated project-level GHG emissions estimates using CALEEMod or another tool. (estimates prepared by consultant).

# 1E. If the project is consistent with CAP growth forecasts as identified in 1D above, provide the following information.

Would the project have a potentially significant impact after mitigation on any of the following standards of significance identified in the State CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G?

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a) Conflict with an applicable plan, program, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	☐ Yes	⊠ No			
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	☐ Yes	⊠ No			
c) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?	☐ Yes	⊠ No			

If **yes to one or more standards above**, the proposed project's net effect on citywide 2020 forecasts is inconsistent with plans, programs, or policies that informed the assumptions for the 2020 transportation forecast. Therefore, the project is inconsistent with transportation emissions forecasts and <u>is not eligible to claim consistency</u> with the CAP for purposes of GHG emissions and impacts on climate change.

If **no for all standards above**, then the project is consistent with the plans, programs, policies, or ordinances that informed the travel demand model for the 2020 transportation forecast of the CAP. Therefore, the project is consistent with CAP growth assumptions for transportation emissions in the CAP and is eligible to claim consistency with CAP transportation forecasts.

#### **Section 2: Consistency with CAP Measures**

The CAP provides measures that achieve a 15% reduction below 2008 emissions levels by 2020. Each of the measures contains a bulleted list of action items/project standards that help projects achieve that goal. Projects that wish to demonstrate consistency with the CAP must demonstrate consistency with all applicable measures and action items/project standards from the CAP. Consistency with all applicable measures should be cited as evidence to support tiering from the CAP.

2A. Using the action items/project standards identified on the following pages, identify all measures and action items/project standards that are applicable to the project. Identify applicability and project compliance with each action item/project standard.

If a project demonstrates all applicable mandatory standards, the project is eligible to claim consistency with CAP measures and is eligible for CAP streamlining.

If a project does not integrate all applicable mandatory standards, the project is ineligible to claim consistency with CAP measures and is not eligible for CAP streamlining.

Additional voluntary measures may also be recommended. Projects inconsistent with growth forecasts should consider integrating all feasible voluntary and mandatory CAP measures.

#### Standards for Climate Action Plan Consistency/Private Development

### (Includes Near-Term Action Items and Action Items Already Implemented by the City)

Applicable? (Yes or No)	Measure	Action Item/Project Standard	Describe whether standards are applicable and how the project demonstrates consistency with applicable standards
Yes	OS-2	Provide availability and access to outdoor space for recreation or social purposes, including access to public open spaces on privately owned property such as retail shopping centers	The project provides an outdoor patio area that is suitable for outdoor seating and dining. Some hotel rooms provide outdoor balconies.
Yes	OS-3.1	Continue to implement the City's Tree Preservation requirements.	No trees are proposed to be removed.

Yes	EC-2.2	Continue to require energy- efficient siting of buildings. Buildings should be oriented and landscape material should be selected to provide maximum energy efficiency for the buildings	A CalGreen Mandatory Checklist has been provided demonstrating compliance with the CalGreen Mandatory Measures including storm water pollution prevention, complying with bicycle parking requirements, light pollution reduction, water reduction using low flow plumbing fixtures, irrigation design and construction waste management. The project will meet LEED Silver equivalent.
Yes	WC-2.3	Require new open space and street trees to be drought-tolerant	The project is subject to City requirements including Water-Efficient Landscaping requirements.
No	LW-2.1	Require multi-family homes to participate in the City's Multi-family Recycling Program	Not a residential project.
Yes	LW-2.2	Select materials to be targeted for diversion methods, services or technologies based on the results of the Zero Waste Strategic Plan	The Zero Waste Strategic Plan is already being implemented.
No	CA-1.7	Actively promote the use of alternative modes of transportation as safe modes of travel. When applicable, promote viable programs sponsored by 511.org, the BAAQMD and other recognized agencies on the City's website and publications	Existing transit services near the project site are provided by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). There are five bus routes that serve the project area, Route 22, 26, 32 55 and rapid bus route 522. The Sunnyvale Caltrain station is located two and a quarter miles northwest of the project site. There are no Caltrain shuttles that connect to the station; Caltrain riders can connect to the project site via VTA bus route 22 or 522, via route 55. A Transportation Demand Management Plan is not required for this project but the project will offer shuttle service to and from the San Jose Airport and to some local business parks.
No	CTO-1.1	Incorporate the provisions of AB 1358, the California Complete Streets Act of 2008, into roadway design, construction and maintenance activities	The existing public streets are not being modified.
No	CTO-1.2	Implement the street space allocation policy (RTC 8-085, April 28, 2009) in coordination with road reconstruction or resurfacing projects to provide road configurations that accommodate all travel modes.	The existing public streets are not being modified.

Yes	CTO-1.3	Require new development to provide cross-parcel access and linkages from the development entrance to the public sidewalk system, transit stops, nearby employment and shopping centers, schools, parks and other parcels for ease of pedestrian and cyclist access	The project provides linkages from the development entrance to the public sidewalk and bicycle lanes on El Camino Real and Wolfe Road.
Yes	CTO-1.4	Improve pedestrian safety and comfort through design elements such as landscaped medians, pedestrian-level amenities, sidewalk improvements and compliance with ADA design standards, particularly for areas serving high volumes of traffic.	The project provides sidewalk improvements and ADA requirements would be met through Building Code requirements.
Yes	CTO-1.5	Improve bicycle facilities and perceptions of comfort through pavement marking/coloring, physical separation, specialized signs and markings and other design elements.	Within the immediate vicinity of the project site, Wolfe Road, Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale Saratoga Road, Remington Drive, Reed Avenue and Lawrence Expressway all have bike lanes. Wolfe Road between El Camino Real and Reed Avenue is identified as a bike route. The project would provide bicycle parking.
Yes	CTO-1.6	Require sidewalks to be a minimum of 6 feet wide in order to allow side-by-side walking at identified locations that currently serve high pedestrian traffic volumes or locations planned to serve high volumes of pedestrian traffic.	The project would be subject to City requirements – 10-foot wide sidewalks with 4-foot by 5-foot tree wells on El Camino Real and Wolfe Road.
Yes	CTO-2.1	Require public areas and new development to provide bicycle parking consistent with the VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines, as amended.	The project is consistent with the City standards providing 5% of the total number of vehicular parking spaces for bicycle parking and is consistent with the VTA standards providing Class I (8 spaces), no Class II spaces are required
No	CTO-3.1	Continue sponsoring projects to provide transit rider amenities at bus stops and rail stations.	Existing transit services near the project site are provided by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). There are five bus routes that serve the project area, Route 22, 26, 32 55 and rapid bus route 522. The Sunnyvale Caltrain station is located two and a quarter miles northwest of the project site. There are no Caltrain shuttles that connect to the station; Caltrain riders can

No	CTO-4.1	Require existing and future	connect to the project site via VTA bus route 22 or 522, via route 55. A  Transportation Demand Management Plan is not required for this project but the project will offer shuttle service to and from the San Jose Airport and to some local business parks.  Not applicable.
	010 4.1	major employers to utilize a variety of transportation demand management measures such as flexible work schedules, telecommuting, guaranteed rides home, low or no cost transit passes, parking "cash-out" incentives and other programs that provide employees with alternatives to single-occupant commutes.	Trot applicable.
No	EP-2.3	Prevent buildings and additions from shading more than 10% of roofs of other structures.	The proposed project would shade more than 10% of structures on other properties and would not be in compliance with City requirements related to Solar Access. The project site is a long and rectangular shaped parcel, the options for siting the hotel building are limited, and the building has been sited as far away as possible from the adjacent building (while maintaining the side yard setbacks) The 5 <sup>th</sup> floors are stepped in to decrease the amount of shading on the adjacent parcel and the overall height has been decreased. The project is under the height limit of the El Camino Real Specific Plan. The adjacent property would still be able to add functional solar panels to the site which is the intent of the Solar Ordinance. This review and approval process includes a Planning Commission public hearing to receive approval on the design and the variance. This review will ensure the variance findings are met and the shading is avoided as much as possible.
No	EP-2.3	Continue to allow and encourage solar facilities above paved parking areas.	A solar array is not proposed above the surface parking spaces.
Yes	OR-1.3	In project review, encourage the replacement of high-maintenance landscapes (like grass turf) with native vegetation to reduce the need	The project is subject to City requirements including Water-Efficient Landscaping requirements.

		for gas-powered lawn and	
		garden equipment.	
Yes	OR-2.1	Idling times will be minimized either by shutting equipment off when not in use or reducing the maximum idling time to five minutes (as required by the California toxics control measure Title 13, Section 2485 of California Code of Regulations [CCR]) or less. Clear signage will be provided at all access points to remind construction workers of idling restrictions.	The project would be subject to mitigation measures imposed by the City, which would likely include standard Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) recommended Best Management Practices for construction projects; these measures will also be included in the Conditions of Approval for the project.
Yes	OR-2.2	Construction equipment must be maintained per manufacturer's specifications	This requirement will be included in the Conditions of Approval for the project.
	OR-2.3	Planning and Building staff will work with project applicants from construction equipment by selecting one of the following measures, at a minimum, as appropriate to the construction project:  a. Substitute electrified or	This is a standard condition of approval that will be implemented during construction.
		hybrid equipment for diesel and gasoline powered equipment where practical	
		b. Use alternatively fueled construction equipment on-site, where feasible, such as compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), propane or biodiesel.	
		c. Avoid the use of on-site generators by connecting to grid electricity or utilizing solar-powered equipment.	
		d. Limit heavy-duty equipment idling time to a period of three minutes or less, exceeding CARB regulation minimum requirements of five minutes.	

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### **Section 3: Minimum Recommended Content for Environmental Analysis**

Projects demonstrating consistency with the CAP should use the following table as a guide for preparation of environmental analysis. As appropriate, information on the preceding pages should be used to support the analysis:

	Greenhouse gas analysis topic	Minimum recommended content
1	Existing Settings	General - GHG emissions and effects of global climate change
2	Existing Settings	State - statewide inventory and forecasts
3	Existing Settings	Local - Summary of CAP inventory and forecasts
4	Regulatory Framework	Federal - Brief overview of context
5	Regulatory Framework	State - CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5 Tiering and Streamlining Analysis of GHGs - Summary of the streamlining provisions and whether they apply to the project, focusing on project components that aren't otherwise covered by streamlining
6	Regulatory Framework	State - regulations quantified and addressed in the CAP, including EO-S-3-05, AB 32, Climate Change Scoping Plan, Renewable Portfolios Standard (Senate Bill 1078, Governor's Order S-14-08, and California Renewable Portfolio Standards), Sustainable Communities Strategy, and California Building Energy Efficiency Standards
7	Regulatory Framework	Local – Bay Area Air Quality Management District
8	Regulatory Framework	Local - CAP, brief summary
9	Standards of Significance	CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G Standards
10	Standards of Significance	CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5 Tiering and Streamlining Analysis of GHGs
11	Standards of Significance	CAP and supplemental EIR guidance
12	Impacts	Identify findings of CAP supplemental EIR
13	Impacts	Finding: Provide findings of significance, streamlining by focusing on findings of CAP supplemental EIR.

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	Greenhouse gas analysis topic	Minimum recommended content
14	Impacts	Projects that are consistent with CAP forecasts and measures should demonstrate the following: -Consistency with assumptions of CAP forecast, using tables and information from this guide -Incorporation of all applicable CAP measures as mitigations or as part of the project description -CAP finding that all such measures, on a citywide basis, lead to a less than significant impact
15	Impacts	Projects that are inconsistent with either CAP forecasts or CAP measures are not eligible for streamlining. While such projects may still incorporate elements identified above, they should also incorporate project-level GHG emissions modeling.