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Subject: Budget Amendment for Final EIR

Public Affairs Management's contract includes \$9,284 for responding to comments and preparing the Final EIR. This budget was developed at the beginning of the EIR process as an estimate, with the intention of re-evaluating the level of effort required once the public review period was closed and the volume and complexity of comments were known.

PAM has reviewed all the public comments and has categorized them into topic areas. PAM is now in the process of identifying areas where additional technical analysis may be necessary to fully respond to comments received. However, with or without additional analysis, it is clear at this point that additional budget will be required to complete the Final EIR.

PAM will be working with the subconsultants and with SCCRTC legal counsel to determine whether any additional analysis would be recommended. The costs shown below in column 1 cover the additional budget required to respond to substantive comments *without* performing any additional analysis. If additional substantive analyses are found to be necessary, the estimated costs shown in the second column provide a rough guide for the cost to complete that work.

Issue Area	Estimated Cost <u>No Additional Analysis</u>	Estimated Cost <u>With Additional Analysis</u>	TOTAL
Traffic	\$4,864	\$11,000 ¹	
Air Quality	\$2,400	\$6,000 ²	
Noise	\$2,200	\$3,000 ³	
PAM (all other comments)	<u>\$7,760</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	
TOTAL	\$17,224	\$23,000⁴	\$40,224

Due to the potential threat of litigation on this EIR, we recommend that the Commission arrange for legal review of the response to comments and draft Final EIR prior to release of the Final EIR. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Steinwert
Principal

¹ Additional traffic analyses could include an estimate of the captive market for ridership, and a summer occupancy parking survey. Analysis of additional intersections would cost an additional \$812 per intersection studied. If a site visit is needed as part of the analysis, additional budget would also be required.

² Some comment letters asked that a health risk assessment be completed.

³ Some comment letters asked for additional noise measurements. The estimated cost would cover 3 long-term measurements, and 3-5 short-term measurements.

⁴ This total does not include the cost of studying additional intersections as described in footnote 1 above.