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Mr. Peter Brundage, Executive Officer  
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission  
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**City of Galt Sphere of Influence Amendment**  
(LAFC 06-09, SAC200400168L)

Dear Mr. Brundage:

Thank you for providing the City of Galt Sphere of Influence (SOI) Amendment proposal to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) for consideration.

As you know there is a strong connection between land use, transportation and air quality planning in the Sacramento region. SACOG’s land use assumptions and travel modeling for the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) informed the Sacramento Regional 8-Hour Ozone Attainment and Reasonable Further Progress Plan (OAP). The OAP relied on SACOG’s travel modeling for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) information to develop the Sacramento region’s motor vehicle emissions budgets. Motor vehicle emissions budgets are used by SACOG to show that transportation projects in the region do not interfere with the region’s ability to attain the federal 8-hour ozone standard.

This SOI Amendment may impact the SMAQMD’s ability to achieve the federal 8-hour ozone standard if the VMT increase resulting from the "Added Area" was not included in the MTP land use assumptions and travel modeling and therefore not anticipated in the OAP.

In the past, the SMAQMD has requested additional mitigation for ozone precursor emissions from proposed development areas that were not included in the MTP and OAP (examples include North Natomas, Folsom SOI South of Highway 50 and more recently the Elk Grove SOI Amendment).

We anticipate that additional ozone precursor emissions mitigation may be needed for this SOI Amendment. We encourage the Local Agency Formation Commission to further review this issue as it considers this proposal.

Please contact me at (916) 874-4803 or Larry Robinson of my staff at (916) 874-4816 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Curt Campion, City of Galt Community Development Director  
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