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Dear Ms. Heinze,

This letter is in response to the requested information sent via email on June 15, 2016 and additionally in response to the letters submitted to the Port from the Citizens League for Airport Safety and Serenity (CLASS) on June 9, 2016 and June 17, 2016. The Oakland Facility is a Hub within our Northern California operating network. The building processes packages that come in from our transportation network and sends them to other smaller facilities within Northern California for delivery. In addition, the Oakland facility has over 180 package cars that deliver to the Oakland and East Bay area. United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) has proposed a project to replace the existing conveyor system equipment within its Oakland Hub Facility located at 8400 Pardee Drive Oakland, California. The existing conveyor system equipment is the original equipment installation from the 1970's and therefore, this equipment replacement will allow the system to run more reliably and efficiently. The primary goal for this project is to replace over 95% of all existing conveyor equipment with partially automated equipment that will allow us to process the packages through the system in a more streamline, safer, and more efficient manner during each processing sort. The overall project scope includes the following items:

- Construction of a new Auto Shop and Wash Tunnel Combination Building
 - *The number of shop bays are equal to the existing shop, however, the bay length has been updated to our current company standard*
 - *The new wash tunnel will be a single lane building matching the existing building*
- Expansion of pavement along Pardee Drive and installation of a sidewalk
- Modifications to existing parking lot (as a result of Auto Shop/Wash Tunnel Building)
- Widening of existing inbound/outbound doors to improve egress in and out of doors
 - *Installation of required structural enhancements (isolated shear walls, drag beam along the roof line, and isolated strong backs) to existing building walls to accommodate widening of doors (no planned modifications to the existing foundation – structural enhancements have local independent footings as required)*
- Decommissioning/Demolition of selected inbound and outbound doors to accommodate system installation
- Installation of selected new inbound/outbound doors to accommodate system installation
 - *This includes the area in the existing building that contains the Auto Shop*
- Installation of interior equipment platform to hold sortation equipment
- Demolition of selected interior office complexes to accommodate system installation
- Installation of interior office complexes as replacement for demolition of existing complexes due to system installation



- Installation of new bathroom facilities as required by UBC (current) and to accommodate system installation
- Demolition of over 95% of all existing conveyor system equipment
- Installation of new conveyor system equipment

This scope is all required to meet the goal of the project and accommodate the system installation. The capacity of our buildings are measured by the number of input doors which drive the process rate for the overall system. The existing building has 42 input doors and 85 output doors. Upon completion of the project, the number of input doors will be 36 and the number of output doors will be 86. As you can see, the overall total of inbound/outbound doors will decrease. The layout of equipment requires a different configuration than the existing system, and therefore, this will require demolition of platforms in their current locations and installation of new platforms to accommodate a new system layout. This proposed project does not increase the overall capacity of the building, however, it will increase the productivity or efficiency of the building. Furthermore, planned projects within the Stockton-Lathrop area southeast of Oakland may reduce the overall volume levels at the Oakland Hub in the next few years. The construction of the new Auto Shop/Wash Tunnel Building will displace existing trailer staging areas within the site. The lease of the Swan Way lot from the Port is required to meet the trailer staging needs as a result of this displacement. There are no major construction or modifications planned for this lot by UPS.

The UPS Oakland Airport Facility's main function is to load and unload packages from our airplanes. Many of the containers move in and out of the airport operations onto trailers and then to facilities in the bay area. There is also a sorting operation at the airport to unload and load air cans. This is limited to package car shuttles bringing in next day air packages in the evening or bringing air packages back to package centers in the morning. The Oakland Hub currently receives air containers from the gateway operation to unload and send out to neighboring facilities or for local deliveries. The proposed project at the Oakland Hub Facility will not change the current plan in any way.

It is our position that this project does not pose an environmental impact nor result in a significant change to the existing operations of the facility. Therefore, we would request the Port approve the Categorical Exemption under CEQA for this project.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sal Mignano".

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