

Responses to Comments on Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

1. There will be a significant impact to our property's accessibility during construction. How do you plan to facilitate access to Inglenook so our customers are able to enter easily and not get discouraged by the construction? What are the proposed hours/days of construction?

Response: Our goal is to keep Inglenook's driveway open to the extent possible during construction. While partial or temporary driveway closures may deem necessary, MTC and Napa Valley Transportation Authority can request temporary driveway access from the adjacent property (Rutherford Fire Department/CalFire) to allow customers to enter/exit Inglenook through the CalFire driveway. Temporary signage will be provided to alert drivers should there be work at the driveway location or temporary change of driveway access. The project also considers scheduling construction work during off-peak season or non-business hours if feasible.

While the hours and days of construction will be determined in the later phase of the project, MTC will have a representative present at the construction site to coordinate with Inglenook on planned construction activities, construction schedule and provide advance notification of planned closures, if any.

2. We will be required to enhance traffic markers for our guests, employees, vendors (including large transport trucks), etc. For example, landscaping to improve way-finding, clear painted lanes with lane dividers upon entry/exit, paving, movement of utility boxes will need to be addressed. **Who will absorb the cost of this?**

Response: Temporary construction signs and pavement marking will be provided for traffic handling during construction, including driveway access. The project will also install new roadway signs, lane stripes and pavement markings in the final condition. Traffic handling, signing and pavement delineation (striping, marking and markers) will be included as bid items in the construction document and will be paid as part of the construction cost.

3. The Napa Valley Wine Train passes through our intersection, currently without a signal or cross arm. This is a safety concern. How will this be addressed if a stop light is in place?

Response: The project is also considering additional safety measures at the Napa Valley Wine Train crossing at the Rutherford intersection, including the potential use of train signals. The proposed safety measures will be reviewed in coordination of the proposed traffic signal.

4. The Vine Trail is planning a bike path running north/south on highway 29 . How does this overlap with the stop light, wine train and our existing traffic flow? We have asked the Vine Trail directly, but have not received any useful information.

Response: This project has been in coordination with the Vine Trail on project development and will continue to coordinate with the Vine Trail for the placement of traffic signals including signal poles and foundation, and electrical equipment locations. We anticipate that the proposed traffic signal will enhance the overall safety of pedestrians and bicyclists crossing highway 29 to and from the Vine Trail.

5. The Rutherford Fire Station is located in the path of travel of the proposed stop light. How will its entry/exit be impacted? We are concerned about their ability to move quickly to protect the safety of our community. Our location is susceptible to wild fires so it is of outmost importance that we provide solid resources for our first responders to do their job.

Response: The proposed project does not restrict access in and out of the Rutherford volunteer firehouse driveway and therefore will not impact or modify the operation of the firehouse building.