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Supplementary Materials for

When floods hit the road: Resilience to flood-related traffic disruption in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond

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Additional Details on Adapting to Rising Tides flood maps

The Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) flood maps used in our model are 1-meter resolution maps, designed specifically to aid sea level rise adaptation planning efforts in the San Francisco Bay Area (*6*). These maps were derived from outputs of the regional hydrodynamic model used during the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) San Francisco Bay Area coastal study. The FEMA model included over 30 years of hindcasted water levels in 15-minute increments for 900 points around the San Francisco Bay (*40*). The flood maps take a "response-based" statistical approach to define recurrence intervals for extreme water levels based on the historical conditions modeled. This approach derives the magnitude of an extreme water level by incorporating potential combinations of storm surges, tides, seasonal cycles, interannual anomalies driven by large-scale climate variability such as the El Niño Southern Oscillation, and sea level rise. Present-day sea level is defined in the ART flood maps as the mean higher high water (MHHW) over the period 1983 – 2001 which corresponds to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's current National Tidal Datum.

During the ART flood modeling process, the water surface at the coastline is extended over an inland topography bare-earth digital elevation model with a 1-meter resolution (*6*). While this flood mapping approach does not include the physics of overland flow, the hydraulic connectivity of each flood map raster grid cell is assessed using an "eight-side rule" for connectedness, where each grid cell is considered "connected" if any of its cardinal or diagonal directions is connected to a flooded grid cell (*41*). The hydraulic connectivity removes areas from the areas of inundation that are low-lying but not directly connected to adjacent inundated areas and/or that are protected by levees or other features that prevent inland flooding (*6*). Readers interested in specific details of the ART flood maps should refer to (*6*, *40*) for a complete documentation of methodologies.

Fig. S1. Cumulative distribution of percentage of commuters over travel time for the 36" water level under various thresholds of road closures. For example, the 1" Threshold simulation closes road segments with at least 1" of inundation, and with 17% of its length covered by water (see the Model section). This latter condition of at least 17% water-cover causes the model to be highly insensitive to the threshold of inundation for thresholds under 12". The percentage of commuters with impassable commutes for each threshold is given in parentheses within the legend.

Fig. S2. Histogram over all road segments of the percentage of road length covered by water, for the 36" water level. The histogram indicates three peaks, one at 0% flooded, one at 100% flooded, and one between 12% and 20% flooded. We identify these peaks using a peakfitted Gaussian Model, shown as a red curve. We derive the water-cover threshold as the inflection point between the second and third peak, and average over all water levels.

Table S1. Various combinations of extreme water level events and sea level rise depicted in

the water levels. The water levels considered in this study include present-day sea level, and up

to 6" of sea level rise.

Table S2: Proportion of employees living and working in the sub-regions of the San

Francisco Bay Area. This table is derived from the LODES dataset (*18*). The North Bay region consists of Marin, Napa, Sonoma, and Solano Counties. The East Bay region consists of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The South Bay and Peninsula region consists of Santa Clara, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.

Table S3. County-averaged data of flooded road capacity, metric reach, impassability, and travel-time delays.

Table S4. Linear regression with log-transformed data of average travel-time delays versus average metric reach and percentage of road capacity flooded for the 36" water level. Regression performed over the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. Data provided in Table S3.

Table S5. Linear regression with log-transformed data of average travel-time delays versus average metric reach and percentage of road capacity flooded for the 12" water level. Regression performed over the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. Data provided in Table S3.

Table S6. Linear regression with log-transformed data of average travel-time delays versus average metric reach and percentage of road capacity flooded for the 24" water level. Regression performed over the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. Data provided in Table S3.

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