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**Subject:** Public comment, SBCAG agenda item 4D, federal funding for 101 HOV project segments 4D and 4E, SBCAG meeting of 3/18/21  
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- SBCAG will be submitting an application for federal transportation funding for segments 4D and 4E of the HOV project.

- I will most likely be contesting the approvals of the CDP's for those 2 segments, as the construction of the HOV lanes will induce an increase in VMT, in violation of the Coastal Act and county/city Local Coastal Plans.

- The increase of VMT will increase GHG, violating state, SBCAG, county and local government VMT and GHG reduction policies and requirements, and will conflict with the Biden Administration's own proposed plans for reducing GHG.

- The HOV project was segmented. It would be a violation of established federal guidelines to fund segments of projects that do not have "independent utility". Segments 4D and 4E, as well as the roundabouts at Olive Mill and San Ysidro, are dependent on each other, and all the other segments and projects physically connected to Highway 101. Segments 4A through 4E and the roundabouts are dependent on each other for the safe and efficient operation of the HOV project, and removal of any segment or any of the roundabouts, according to both the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara, will degrade the safety and operational efficiency of the Highway 101 HOV project. If the CDP's are denied for segment's 4D and 4E, then the projects cannot be constructed, and the " utility" of the proposed roundabouts would be eliminated, since the purpose of the roundabouts, as established by the applicants and SBCAG, is to expand intersection capacity to handle the VMT induced into the intersections by the addition of HOV lanes, and are not necessarily required to fix any existing problems at the intersections, or handle any non-HOV VMT increases in the future.

Thank you

Tom Becker  
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1/14/21

Subject: Additional Connect 2050 EIR scoping public comments

From: Tom Becker

1A)- The EIR should study the impact Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach truck transportation has on regional transportation in the tri-county area.

2A) – The EIR should study the reduction in Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach truck traffic that can be achieved by reducing imports into the United States from countries, such as China, and what impact that reduction would have on regional transportation in the tri-county area.

3A) – The EIR should study what reduction in VMT, if any, occurred county wide between 2010 and 2019 as a result of bicycle usage.

4A) – The EIR should determine if the Hispanic population is being overly targeted by county wide government agencies as potential occupants of high density housing, compared to the white population.

5A) – The EIR should study the potential for reducing commuter VMT by relocating government employment closer to employee's homes, such as relocating long distance commuter's government jobs located in The City of Santa Barbara to Carpinteria or Santa Maria.

6A) – The EIR should study VMT impacts that are induced by the tourist and hospitality industry in the county. The EIR should study what reductions in overall VMT can be achieved by reducing the size of the tourist industry in the county, and replacing the tourist industry with other industries that do not induce tourist VMT.

7A) – The EIR should study the potential reduction in VMT that can be achieved by encouraging businesses located in high housing cost areas in Santa Barbara County to relocate to communities where employees can afford housing costs, eliminating long distance commuting that occurs when employees are unable to afford housing near their places of employment.

8A) The EIR should study the health and economic impact disparities between the Hispanic community and the White community caused by the Hispanic population being overly represented in high density housing developments.

1/13/21

To: SBCAG

From: Tom Becker

Subject: Connected 2050 RTP EIR scoping comments, due by 1/15/21

- 1- The EIR should study how high density housing developments spread the Covid-19 virus, and should include a comparative analysis between low density housing and high density housing virus infection rates and rate of virus spread.
- 2- The EIR should include a comparative analysis of Covid-19 infection rates between Hispanic populations living in high density housing and Hispanic populations living in low density housing.
- 3- The EIR should include a comparative analysis of Covid-19 death rates for Hispanic populations living in high density housing and Hispanic populations living in low density housing.
- 4- The EIR should include a comparative analysis in Hispanic home ownership rates between populations living in high density housing and populations living in low density housing.
- 5- The EIR should include a comparative analysis of the poverty rate in the Hispanic populations living in high density housing and Hispanic populations living in low density housing.
- 6- The EIR should include an analysis of how the addition of HOV lanes on Highway 101 between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara will induce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) on the highway and surrounding streets and intersections.
- 7- The EIR should determine if the addition of HOV lanes on Highway 101 conforms with Coastal Act section 30253(4) and county CLUP section 3.11.1, which both state that new developments in the coastal zone shall minimize energy consumption and VMT.
- 8- The EIR should include SBCAG's definition of the word "minimize", as applied to Coastal Act section 30253(4) and county CLUP section 3.11.1, and should include SBCAG's source for their definition.
- 9- The EIR should include a determination if the increase in VMT associated with the addition of HOV lanes on Highway 101 conforms with the VMT reduction goals of Connected 2050 RTP.
- 10- The EIR should determine if the approval of Coastal Development Permits (CDP) for segments 4D and 4E of the HOV project conforms with the VMT reduction goals of Connected 2050 RTP.
- 11- The EIR should include a determination if the approval of CDP's for HOV segments 4D and 4E conform with the VMT minimization requirements of Coastal Act section 30253(4) and county CLUP section 3.11.1.
- 12- The EIR should include an analysis of possible VMT reductions on Highway 101 between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara if the proposed HOV lanes were converted to exclusive transit bus lanes.
- 13- The EIR should include a study of the reductions in VMT on Highway 101 between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara that are possible by implementing the VMT reduction policies and strategies found in the following documents, and other similar documents prepared to implement SB 743;

D1- Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA (Governor's Office of Planning and Research, April, 2018.) D2- Transportation Under CEQA, First Edition (CalTrans, September, 2020). D3- Transportation Analysis Updates in Santa Barbara County (County of Santa Barbara, Planning and Development, July, 2020).

- 14- The EIR should analyze the reduction of induced VMT into the intersections of San Ysidro Lane/ Jameson Lane and Coast Village Road/ Olive Mill Road if the proposed Highway 101 HOV lanes are converted into exclusive transit bus lanes.
- 15- The EIR should determine which configuration of lanes on Highway 101 will achieve the greatest reduction of VMT- HOV lanes or exclusive transit bus lanes.
- 16- The EIR should study the combined effects of reducing VMT on Highway 101 from point #13 and converting HOV lanes to exclusive transit bus lanes, and determine if reducing VMT will meet or exceed the goals of traffic improvements originally sought by the construction of HOV lanes.

I will be submitting additional comments during the Connect 2050 process.

Thank you

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**COMMISSION NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL**

December 21, 2020

To: Nicole Lieu  
County of Santa Barbara  
123 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2058

From: Michelle Kubran

Re: **Commission Appeal No. A-4-STB-20-0078**

Please be advised that the coastal development permit decision described below has been appealed to the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 30603 and 30625. Therefore, the decision has been stayed pending Commission action on the appeal pursuant to the Public Resources Code Section 30623.

LOCAL PERMIT #: **19CDP-00000-00098**

APPLICANT(S): **Attn: Morgan Jones**

DESCRIPTION: To reconfigure the intersection of San Ysidro Road, North Jameson Lane, and the northbound Highway 101 on and off-ramps from two stop-controlled intersections to a roundabout. The project would include new sidewalks, roadway pavement, curb and gutter, median islands, landscaping, stormwater improvements/bioretenion areas, lighting, signage, and fencing. One retaining wall of 110 feet long and 3.8 to 20.9 feet high is proposed. Grading would include approximately 650 cubic yards of cut and 1,400 cubic yards of fill. The project would require the removal of 38 trees, including 8 coast live oak trees. A total of 114 replacement trees are proposed.

LOCATION: intersection of San Ysidro Road, North Jameson Lane, and the northbound Highway 101 on- and off- ramps

LOCAL DECISION: Approval With Special Conditions

APPELLANT(S): Thomas Becker

DATE APPEAL FILED: 12/21/2020

## COMMISSION NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

The Commission appeal number assigned to this appeal is A-4-STB-20-0078. The Commission hearing date has not been scheduled at this time. Within 5 working days of receipt of this Commission Notification of Appeal, copies of all relevant documents and materials used in the Santa Barbara County's consideration of this coastal development permit must be delivered to the South Central Coast District Office of the Coastal Commission (California Administrative Code Section 13112). Please include copies of plans, relevant photographs, staff reports and related documents, findings (if not already forwarded), all correspondence, and a list, with addresses, of all who provided verbal testimony.

A Commission staff report and notice of the hearing will be forwarded to you prior to the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Kubran at the South Central Coast District Office.

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LOCAL PERMIT #: **19CDP-00000-00048**

APPLICANT(S): **Attn: Laura Yanez**

DESCRIPTION: To reconfigure the intersection of Coast Village Road, North Jameson Lane, Olive Mill Road, and Highway 101 from a stop controlled intersection to a roundabout. The project would include new sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, signage, and drainage facilities. Grading would include 1,400 cubic yards of cut and 2,000 cubic yards of fill. The project would require the removal of 50 trees and replacement of those trees at a 3:1 ratio.

LOCATION: Intersection of Coast Village Road, North Jameson Lane, Olive Mill Road, and Highway 101

LOCAL DECISION: Approval With Special Conditions

APPELLANT(S): Thomas Becker

DATE APPEAL FILED: 12/21/2020

The Commission appeal number assigned to this appeal is A-4-STB-20-0079. The Commission hearing date has not been scheduled at this time. Within 5 working days of receipt of this Commission Notification of Appeal, copies of all relevant documents and materials used in the Santa Barbara County's consideration

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