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Subject: Case #21zc1-00000-00006

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To P&D,

This comment letter concerns Case # 21zc1-00000-00006, which is connected to Parcel # 067-200-005.

It is my understanding that Parcel # 067-200-005 will be seeking an expedited review under SB 35 for a housing development. If Case # 21zc1-00000-00006 concerns such a review, then I submit this comment for the purpose of commenting on that review.

Please see attached comments I submitted for the Connect 2050 RTP. I believe housing developments that do not provide for reducing the disparity of home ownership rates between Hispanic, Black and Non-Hispanic Whites may violate State and Federal housing discrimination statutes and may violate State and Federal Environmental Justice statutes and policies.

Expedited reviews under SB 35 do not allow for violations of housing discrimination laws or Environmental Justice statutes.

The developer/owner, I am sure, is making a good faith effort to obey all State and Federal statutes, and I see NO evidence that the developer/owner is engaging in any discriminatory behavior.

There is, as I understand, an active complaint open with the U.S DOJ Civil Rights Division concerning alleged threats and intimidation made by county government employees against citizens who have raised the issue of discriminatory county government housing policies.

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1/13/21

To: SBCAG

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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.

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1/14/21

Subject: Additional Connect 2050 EIR scoping public comments

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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.