

Date: July 28, 2014

To: MTC Public Information Office
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Subject: Comments - Draft 2015 TIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis - sent via email to: info@mtc.ca.gov

Dear MTC,

I submit the following comments for the Draft 2015 TIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

I am specifically concerned with the proposed Calera Parkway Widening in County of San Mateo, City of Pacifica. The TIP ID for the Calera Parkway SR1 widening is SM-050001, RTP ID 98204.

This project was conceived and validated (FEIR) by Caltrans under their PREVIOUS criteria for such projects, which was focused primarily on Level of Service (LOS). As you may know, California SB 743 revised Caltrans' marching orders with alternatives to LOS for evaluating transportation impacts. Particularly within areas served by transit, those alternative criteria must "promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the development of multimodal transportation networks, and a diversity of land uses."

This is a major change in the way Caltrans does business. With such a significant shift in the essential mission statement of the agency, it is appropriate and necessary to re-evaluate all projects conceived under the previous rules. The Calera Parkway Project should be considered invalid and the highway improvement situation reconsidered.

Sincerely,
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