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Hi guys,

I know you already have an agenda, and some platitudes about community input.

I'm glad to see that for the most part the pro overdevelopment community has dropped the nonsense about cars and the environment, and is just openly admitting that removing cars is because they take up building space. Please keep up the honesty.

If you removed ALL cars from the Bay Area you would be reducing Greenhouse carbons, by a whopping .1%. That would mean you were seizing my car so somebody in Trump country could have a cheeseburger. It's complete nonsense.

The idea that you are going to double the capacity of transit in the Bay Area is absolute nonsense as well. The current capacity of MUNI and BART combined is 1.1 million. At the rate the central subway, and Van Ness BRT are going you have to estimate that for each block it will take 1 year and roughly \$200,000, for new or improved infrastructure. Yes per block. Your planning might as well be on Mars. It might not matter toy guys since your chief is from the land of the Big Dig. For us tax paying transit riders its a different story

Can somebody also explain to Nick what biodiversity is? Its not listed in any of your metrics. Coastal California is one of only 5 MCR's (Mediterranean Climate Regions) in the world. These combined represent 2% of the worlds surface but contain 20% of the planets biodiversity. Biome management is divided into 4 levels and we are barely out of the lowest due to overdevelopment, as things stand. Your current plans will take us backwards and lead to epic destruction and species depletion within the biome. The biggest threat in the MCR is overdevelopment. Please at least add this to your list of metrics. The entire world is waking up to the fact that biodiversity is a far greater and immediate concern than even global warming. Nick can wake up too.

Thanks,
Chris