

From: Board.Secretary
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 5:21 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: VTA Correspondence: Comments on El Camino Real BRT Project

VTA Board of Directors:

We are forwarding you the following:

From	Topic
Members of the Public	El Camino Real BRT Project

Thank you.

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From: Mr. Jay Cohen
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 12:23 PM
To: Board.Secretary
Subject: El Camino Real Bus Plan

Gentlemen:

I can't speak for other cities, but all the El Camino Real bus plan would do is push traffic onto predominantly residential streets parallel to El Camino Real (i.e., Benton, Pruneridge, and Homestead). Benton Street is already known as ECR South. More traffic on those streets would quickly become a political issue.

The proposed plan won't significantly incentivize drivers to leave their cars—Americans love their cars—and use VTA because service off the 22 line goes nowhere most drivers want or need to be.

We dont live in San Francisco or Manhattan. Come up with a better, innovative idea. Ask the public for ideas. Experts rarely think "outside the box."

Sincerely yours,

Jay A. Cohen

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From: Darci Palmer
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 9:33 AM
To: Board.Secretary
Subject: Please support Bus Rapid Transit on El Camino Real

VTA Board Members

I urge you to support Alternative 4C for the El Camino Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

Efficient and reliable public transportation, better bike lanes, and safer sidewalks for walking along El Camino Real will give us an alternative to sitting in traffic and help address the rising cost of living and the escalating threat of climate change.

We cannot afford to continue with the unsustainable status quo of one person per car, especially with a half a million more people expected to call Santa Clara County home by 2040. A recent audit proves that 900 cars per lane would no longer use El Camino Real if BRT were an option.

The proposed El Camino Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is an opportunity to move people with fewer cars, make better use of our roads, and offer us all better ways to get around.

As the recent independent review of VTA's traffic analysis shows, BRT with transit-only lanes will cut travel times by bus by an impressive 40 minutes from Palo Alto to San Jose! That's a far cry from opponents' claims that it will "slow traffic to a near standstill."

Now is the time for your bold leadership to support world-class transportation options. I urge you to champion BRT with transit-only lanes along El Camino Real.

Thank you for your work to make Santa Clara County a better place for us all to live, work, and get around.

Sincerely,

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