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**Cc:** Mike Swire  
**Subject:** Written comment for tonight's C/CAG BPAC meeting

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Hi all,

I'm hoping to make this comment in person tonight, but I'm likely to be at a youth sports meeting.

Reviewing last meeting's minutes I saw that Ms. Stitt said in reply to a member comment: "Caltrans is ... slowly phasing out highway expansion and VMT-increasing projects".

"Slowly" is not good enough. We must stop **now**! I hope the C/CAG BPAC, and indeed the CCAG itself, will oppose the widening alternative of the 101 Managed Lanes project north of 380. And, indeed, all highway widening projects.

Caltrans estimates this project will add 70 million additional VMT and 40 thousand metric tons additional emissions. And it will fail to reduce congestion. Widening always fails at reducing congestion. Why would we undertake a project which is doomed to fail, which will increase VMT and GHG, and which will violate California State policy?

- <https://pirg.org/resources/u-s-highway-101-expansion-san-mateo-california/>
- <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/11/16/california-releases-worlds-first-plan-to-achieve-net-zero-carbon-pollution/>
- [https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/research-innovation-system-information/documents/final-reports/10-12-2015-ncst\\_brief\\_inducedtravel\\_cs6\\_v3.pdf](https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/research-innovation-system-information/documents/final-reports/10-12-2015-ncst_brief_inducedtravel_cs6_v3.pdf)

Climate change is real, and it is pressing. We are at 1.5 degrees over preindustrial temperatures. When we cross it, the West Antarctic Ice Sheet will melt. Best current estimates are that when that happens there will be a 15-40 foot increase in sea levels. Between 1.5 degrees and 2.0 degrees the Greenland Ice Sheet melts, resulting in at least a 25 foot sea level rise. At 2.0 degrees, the East Antarctic Ice Sheet melts, resulting in a 150 sea level rise. Covering all of Burlingame and large parts of Hillsborough, all the way up to and including the entirety of the Burlingame Country Club. No sea wall can contain this level of sea level rise. No mitigation will help. The only way to stop it is to reduce GHG emissions, reduce VMT, and in particular, as a first step, to stop widening roads,

Thank you,

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