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## Staff Report

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**TO:** COUNTY COUNCIL / PLANNING COMMISSION  
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**FROM:**  Colin Huntemer, County Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Vision Recommendations

**FOR MEETING OF:** May 18, 2018 Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Vision Amendments

**Purpose:** In response to discussions with Adam Zack (Planner at DCD) regarding the meaning and intent of the "Transportation Vision" language, the County Engineer recommends the following changes to Page 2, lines 28 and 30:

**TRANSPORTATION** We have reliable, affordable, local, and regional water, land, and air transportation systems commensurate with our island culture. On-island circulation is by means of a system of scenic rural roads with automobiles, bicycle and pedestrian ways functioning without conflict. In some places, the roads are unpaved, narrow, and winding. ~~and care is taken to maintain a rustic quality in public signs.~~ Transportation plans carefully consider cyclists, pedestrians, automobiles, and public transportation, and rural character. Expansion or new construction of basic public ~~transportation~~ transit facilities occurs only based on demonstrated local public need.

### Rational for Changes

1. According to Adam Zack "**rustic quality in public signs**" is not intended to qualify public transportation related signs (speed limits, road names, advisory and warning signs, etc.) but rather private non-transportation signs. Public transportation signs are regulated by MUTCD.
2. According to Adam Zack "**transportation facilities**" is intended to qualify public transit facilities (buses, shuttles, bike stops, ride share, etc.) and not transportation facilities which is defined in the UDC to include "roads, public pedestrian and bicycle trails, airports, airfields, public docks, ferries and related terminals, and parking areas". Public safety is the primary consideration for the expansion or new construction of transportation facilities.