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Here is my comment on the transportation element:

First, with the “draft” indicator in the middle it seems nearly impossible to “cut and paste.” So copying material for comments is difficult.

Second, WHERE ARE THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS ?

Greenhouse gasses are mentioned only six times in the entire transportation element, all of them milquetoast references with no priority and no reduction goals. *Is this the best you can do ?*

1. There is the general goal to develop a transportation system that “encourages” greenhouse gas reductions. (page 5-6 of 36)
2. “Support” transportation facility design and operational measures that protect the environment, 13 such as energy conservation, greenhouse gas emission reductions, and stormwater management. (page 7 of 36 and p 5 of 29)
3. “A portion” of the Lodging Tax (or a gasoline carbon tax) will be used to fund clean transportation 14 initiatives that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. (p.11 of 36 and p. 8 of 29)
4. To increase education and outreach to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, promote and healthy 2 lifestyles,; and “facilitate transportation alternatives” which conserve energy, reduce greenhouse gas 3 emissions, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. (p.26 of 36 and p. 21 of 29)
5. “Encourages” energy conservation, greenhouse gas emission reductions, and the use of low-impact 23 development techniques when physically and economically feasible in the development of 24 transportation systems and facilities. (p 4 of 29)
6. Updates recommended by SJC Comp Plan Work Group, Transportation and Land Use Elements, 10 October 2018 primarily related to energy conservation, greenhouse gas emission reduction, island climate resilience, and stormwater/sea level rise planning. Additional comments regarding deletion of Port of Entry goals. (from “Significant Changes [sic]” p. 3 of 4)

Encourage greenhouse gas reductions ? Support designs that reduce greenhouse gasses ? A portion of the lodging tax ? Facilitate alternatives ? ... and encourage greenhouse gas reductions “when physically and economically feasible” ?

Thanks for your support.

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