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Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
Attention: South Bay Connect
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RE: South Bay Connect NOP Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

Speaking as the Mayors of the cities of Hayward, San Leandro, and Union City, we would like to see the following issues addressed in the environmental review and in the description of the South Bay Connect project.

1. The project does not serve established Priority Development Areas (PDAs). MTC Resolution 3434 states that new passenger rail projects need to serve PDAs with specified minimum zoning densities.
 - Describe the impact on established PDA communities in San Leandro, Hayward Union City, and Fremont no longer being served by Capitol Corridor, and why the project is proposing to bypass established PDAs.
 - Describe why the project will not be serving any established or proposed PDAs along the Coast Subdivision in San Leandro, Hayward, and Union City.
2. Describe the projected sea level rise along the Coast Subdivision and the mitigation measures proposed by Union Pacific Railroad and Capitol Corridor to enable Capitol Corridor to operate on the Coast Subdivision between Oakland and Fremont.
3. The project proposes to divert freight service from the Coast Subdivision to the Niles and Oakland Subdivisions to facilitate the project. The project describes that impacts on

traffic delay is the only criteria to be weighed in justifying the construction of grade separations.

- Describe why there is no criteria for constructing grade separations to address safety issues and pedestrian conflicts due to the increased freight service on a rail line that will be crossed daily by pedestrians walking to school, to work, and to or from BART.
 - Include analysis regarding diesel pollutants and greenhouse gases generated by the Capitol Corridor on the Niles Subdivision in communities of concern in San Leandro, Hayward, and Union City; and total hours per 24 hour day Capitol Corridor spends in each community – and contrast with projected diesel pollutants and greenhouse gases generation by increased freight service through communities of concern in San Leandro, Hayward, and Union City; and total hours per 24 hour day freight will spend each day in the communities of concern in the three respected cities.
4. Describe the outreach program to communities of concern along the proposed freight realignment in San Leandro, Hayward, and Union City. How will the project be described, how can residents communicate their concerns, particularly if there is no or limited internet access and language barriers?
 5. Describe the impact of increased freight service through established Priority Development Areas in San Leandro, Hayward, and Union City reviewing at a minimum the impacts to safety, delay, emissions and noise.
 6. The proposed transfer station for Capital Corridor in Ardenwood is designed only for car commuters. The pedestrian boarding area for passengers boarding on Dumbarton Express is in the middle of the Route 84 freeway.
 - Describe the air-quality impacts on passengers walking to the bus transfer facility and waiting for the bus.
 - Describe zoning policies, minimum housing density, and number of housing units within a ½ mile circumference of the Dumbarton Express boarding platform, the Capitol Corridor boarding platform, the established safe pedestrian path from the housing units to both the Dumbarton Express boarding platform and Capitol Corridor boarding platform, and the distance of the safe pedestrian path from the housing to the rail and bus boarding platforms.
 7. We regret the potential loss of an existing Capital Corridor station in Hayward and respectfully request the evaluation of a station within Central Alameda County be conducted as part of this project’s environmental review process.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the South Bay Connect Notice of Preparation.

Respectfully,



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