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Subject: Proposed amendments to CEQA Appendix G - Transportation

Dear Mr. Calfee,

I write in support of the proposed changes to CEQA Appendix G - Transportation.

Bicycling and other non-motorized forms of travel provide many public health and environmental benefits, and the fact that current CEQA language has inhibited improvements to bicycling infrastructure in California seems counterproductive in the extreme.

I commute to work by bicycle every day and have done so for many years. Just recently, my son and I have started biking several miles to and from his middle school as well. Bicycling infrastructure in our area is inadequate; this has become especially apparent to me now that my 11-year old is biking to school. That CEQA impedes improvement to bicycling infrastructure across the state (there are several clear instances of this that I know of in the Bay Area alone) greatly dismays me.

I urge the Agency to approve those amendments to Appendix G - Transportation that 1) refocus CEQA project EIRs from circulation system capacity to circulation system performance as prescribed in applicable governmental plans, policies, ordinances, etc. and 2) encourage mass transit and non-motorized modes of travel.

Thank you for your attention.