

Letter 4

Thomas J. Ayres
Public

July 31, 2009

Comment 4-1

Commenter urges the Natural Resources Agency to consider revisions to the Guidelines to give transit and cycling a more prominent role. As proposed, CEQA favors auto-oriented development because of “Loss” of service standard requirements preventing bike lanes new transit stations.

Response 4-1

Appendix G, Section XVI: Transportation/Traffic provides questions for lead agencies to consider when assessing the effects a project may have on the circulation system. The Natural Resources Agency has proposed numerous changes to that section to broaden its scope to address the overall effectiveness of the circulation system. These changes also require that other modes of transportation, such as bicycling, walking, and mass transit, be considered in an analysis. In addition, these changes allow a lead agency to consider other performance-related measures, rather than rely solely on Level of Service standards, when assessing transportation related impacts.