

Letter 91

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Comment 91-1

Commenter supports amendments to Appendix G, Section XVI: Transportation/Traffic question (a) to refocus the question to the overall effectiveness of the transportation system and expand consideration to all modes of transportation.

Response 91-1

The Natural Resources Agency appreciates the support for the amendments to Appendix G. No revision is required in response to this comment.

Comment 91-2

Commenter supports amendments to Appendix G, Section XVI: Transportation/Traffic question (b) to focus on the conflict with existing congestion management programs.

Response 91-2

The Natural Resources Agency appreciates the support for the amendments to Appendix G. No revision is required in response to this comment.

Comment 91-3

Commenter suggests that the Natural Resources Agency reincorporate “parking” considerations into the Appendix G, Section XVI checklist question (f), including references to “parking of bicycles, electric vehicles, disabled placard holders with regular vehicles, and other forms of transit and vehicle users who may need special accommodation.”

Response 91-3

The primary purpose of the proposed amendments is to update the CEQA Guidelines on the analysis and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions. While certain changes to Appendix G were proposed pursuant to the Natural Resources Agency’s general authority to update the CEQA Guidelines, those changes were modest and were intended to address certain misapplications of CEQA in a way that hinders the type of

development necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Transportation planning and impact analysis continues to evolve, as new multimodal methods of analysis and guidelines on the integration of all modes of transportation and users into the circulation system are being developed. Additional updates to Appendix G may be appropriate in the future to address those developments.

The comment suggests the question related to “parking capacity” be reinstated in the Appendix G checklist. As explained in the Initial Statement of Reasons, case law recognizes parking impacts are not necessarily an environmental impact, thus, such questions are not relevant in the initial study checklist. (Initial Statement of Reasons at pg. 65.) The Natural Resources Agency declines to incorporate the suggested revision to Appendix G.