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**To:** CEQA Guidelines@CNRA  
**Subject:** CEQA changes public comment

To whom it may concern:

This email is in regards to proposed updates to the California Environmental Quality Act that would positively effect the California Environment- though they fall woefully short by excluding transportation projects from their purview.

It is wholly logical and necessary to replace consideration of traffic delays with vehicle miles traveled under CEQA reviews of development projects. However, I find it appalling that somehow TRANSPORTATION projects would no fall under this same umbrella- how can we fairly and logically evaluate the effects on vehicle miles traveled of a housing development project, but not judge the similar effects of a transportation project?

Are we proposing that we objectively and fairly judge the environment effects on VMTs of a housing development, but for a highway project or a rail project we are not allowed to consider this in the environmental impact report? How does this make any sense?

I support the current rules revisions but their scope needs to expanded desperately.

Thank you for your time,  
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