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PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION by SANTA ROSA CITY

Anne Richman, Director Programming and Allocations

Dear Madame,

Please consider the following when appraising Santa Rosa City's request for funding to implement its reimagining CityBus project. If reimagining is implemented:

Wheel chair bound persons will lose their bus stops.

Santa Rosa's principal hospital, Memorial, will no longer be served by CityBus.

Santa Rosa's principal senior housing, Silvercrest, will no longer be served by CityBus.

People dependent upon CityBus will lose their bus stops. Some people who chose where to live based upon bus services, will be abandoned.

Santa Rosa CityBus' lost and found office will no longer be served by CityBus.

All schools are now served by CityBus. After reimagining all schools will not, repeat not, be served by CityBus.

Santa Rosa CityBus is basically a hub and spoke system, few cross town routes, necessitating transfers. In addition to basic route changes, transfers will also be adversely impacted by reimagining.

Most of the drivers, support staff and users I interviewed are opposed to reimagining.

The stated principal objective of reimagining is to provided city buses at a fifteen minute interval at the Santa Rosa Junior College. Santa Rosa CityBus already provides buses at a fifteen minute interval at the Santa Rosa Junior College. Sonoma County Transit also serves the Santa Rosa Junior College.

It seems to some, in the know, the principal objective of reimagining is part of Santa Rosa CityBus's fare box fight with Sonoma County Transit. Santa Rosa City restricts Sonoma County Transit's use of its bus stops. Reimagining would disrupt nearly the entire CityBus system to solve a problem which does not exist.

Santa Rosa City will not allow buses direct access to the train depot in Railroad Square. The depot will be SMART train's Santa Rosa Downtown stop. The chamber of commerce occupies the depot and Railroad Square merchants do not want buses in Railroad Square.

Santa Rosa City does not give any general funds to CityBus. Santa Rosa City gives CityBus funds to city council, city manager, city attorney [who just got a big pay raise] and others.

Reimagining is a nearly complete redoing of Santa Rosa CityBus. Other transit systems make small gradual changes over time, a far better way to improve service, in my opinion. A nearly complete redo is too much, too quickly, adversely effecting too many, in too may ways.

You may find this of interest:

<http://www.sfgate.com/magazine/article/The-Way-of-the-Bus-Where-the-end-of-the-line-is-2562915.php>

Please reply.

Yours for public transit, Richard M Canini CA Civil Engineer.