Public Comment Received Agenda Item 5

From: Martha Silver
To: Martha Silver

Subject: FW: For MTC Policy Advisory Council Access and Environment Subcommittee June 22 mtg. w/ copy to Equity &

Compliance Office

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:23:35 AM

From: Jim Stallman [mailto:2jimstallman@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:45 PM **To:** MTC Info <<u>info@bayareametro.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: For MTC Policy Advisory Council Access and Environment Subcommittee June 22 mtg.

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External Email

On Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 3:32 PM Jim Stallman < 2 jimstallman@gmail.com > wrote:

Jim Stallman, 408 621-2542

I am requesting guidance from MTC to get Santa Clara County to use freeway projects to fund counterpart bike ped mobility in compliance with MTC Resolution No. 3765.

A Community of Concern got nothing when VTA had close to \$100M for an 880 widening project and the CofC has been waiting more than a decade to see their Coyote Creek Trail in that same 880 corridor segment built. Now VTA plans to use bike ped money to build the Coyote Creek Trail in the 880 corridor in contempt of MTC Resolution No. 3765. By deciding to spend bike ped money instead of paying for it with funding for another upcoming fwy project there, it will mean that shovel ready bike & ped projects including SR2S ones - needing that bike ped money - will languish unfunded for another decade - including two Complete Streets projects in other Communities of Concern which will languish unfunded.

Attached is a screen print of MTC Resolution 3765 (the file is titled 10 years ago which should now read 14 years ago)

I have been appealing to VTA highlighting a strategy that will get more bike ped projects funded in Santa Clara County using a framework laid out by the MTC per the attached resolution 3765.

In the affluent part of the county, Stevens Creek Trail (SCT) is part of the fwy 85 corridor and the upcoming trail completion segments in Mt. View and Sunnyvale can and should be fully funded by the 85HOT project.

This may not happen, though, unless VTA complies with MTC Resolution 3765 as other Bay Area counties already do. SCC Measure B and SB1 call for this but executing on this is the key to a successful outcome. To have Stevens Creek Trail use bike ped funding when it is running directly in the 85HOT project ROW will mean that two Complete Streets projects in East San Jose Communities of Concern will miss out on funding.

The 85HOT project that needs to fund the Stevens Creek Trail segment has not yet been scoped out so the time to bring about compliance with MTC Resolution 3765 is now.

Jim 408 621-2542

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From: Jim Stallman < 2jimstallman@gmail.com >

Date: Monday, May 11, 2020

Dave Cortese responded with this:

Hello Jim.

Thank you for reaching out to me. Your advocacy on behalf of bike and pedestrian projects is appreciated and understood. I will use your input to help guide my future decisions.

Sincerely, Dave

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From: Jim Stallman < 2jimstallman@gmail.com >

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 Subject: MTC Resolution 3765

To: "Hendrickscouncil@sunnyvale.ca.gov"

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The Class 1 Bike Path on the bay side of 101 between Whipple & Holly - formerly a gap - was paid for by the freeway Aux Lane project built along there. (San Mateo County)

By comparison, in Santa Clara County, VTA built 2 projects on 880 through the Brokaw interchange with the end result being that bike/peds lost their only way to cross Coyote Creek along there - the street bridge was commandeered and turned into a freeway off ramp. VTA Measure B bike ped funding is now going to be used by VTA for completion of the Coyote Creek Trail which will restore the crossing at Brokaw and also serve the Community of Concern (CoC) residing along the 880 corridor. This is not in compliance with MTC 3765, however. Note that the 2nd VTA project at Brokaw was so mismanaged that \$30M was returned to the State by VTA unspent while leaving the CoC with nothing (the \$93M project was recipient of a State Congestion Relief Proposition earmarking money to 2 NorCal and 2 SoCal projects outside of the normal STIP outlays). The Guadalupe River Trail (GRT) which serves the tech population got built out fully in N. San Jose at the same time. This all happened subsequent to MTC 3765 & Caltrans DD64.

The MTC resolution was the implementation of DD64 - a policy change by Caltrans to see that Caltrans projects included Bike Ped mobility elements and stipulating that bike ped money was not to be used for these elements. SB1 is the latest testament to what the rest of the Bay Area is doing to get CS elements of road projects funded. We can "do it all" when it comes to bike ped. Note that when a Bike Ped project becomes a VTA member agency SCC Measure B Bike Ped Fund submittal it has been highly developed and vetted. These are compelling needs - not just wish list items.

A clear example of where VTA could change business as usual is with the Stevens

Creek Trail. The 85HOT project in that corridor needs to fully fund the trail. Not using Measure B Bike Ped money for Stevens Creek and Coyote Creek trail buildout will make it possible to build out the Cross County Bike Plan and other ped safety projects that will otherwise have to wait 10 to 20 years for funding.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal.

----- Forwarded message -------- From: **Library** < <u>library@mtc.ca.gov</u> > Date: Wed, Jan 13, 2016 at 3:49 PM

Subject: Resolution 3765

To: "2jimstallman@gmail.com" <2jimstallman@gmail.com>

Hi Jim

The resolution is attached.

Best Julie

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