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To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: Feedback on TAM Proposed US101/580 Freeway Connectors

To the San Rafael City Council:

I am a homeowner in Southeast San Rafael (Spinnaker Point) in which all the TAM freeway connector alternatives are located. The following are some serious concerns I have with TAM's proposed ideas presented to the City Council meeting last week.

1. A huge public safety issue is being ignored in TAM's planning. There is only one way to enter and exit Southeast San Rafael with 14,000 residents. In case of a disaster and/or emergency, alternative routes should be included in the planning for the safety of all of us. The City of San Rafael must ask TAM to halt their project until ideas to include alternative routes are considered in the planning.
2. TAM put together a stakeholder group to hear their needs. There is a glaring problem with this group. 14,000 residents of Southeast San Rafael are not at all represented in this group and that includes the Canal, Spinnaker Point and Baypoint. We make up 25% of the city's population and we should be included in this group so that our needs with regards to this freeway connector project are heard. The City of San Rafael must ask that TAM stop moving ahead on this project until our neighborhoods are included on the stakeholder group and our needs are also addressed.
3. All of TAM's proposed alternatives for a freeway connector are short term, and therefore irresponsible. This project must take into account the bigger picture for financial and public health/safety purposes. Mayor Kate was correct in her comments that TAM's regional traffic issues butt up right next to San Rafael's local traffic issues. TAM has done no studies looking at the long term impact on our local roads due to changes in freeway off ramps. Also, 580 is in a flood zone and there is nothing in this project which is suggesting ways to protect this crucial highway from flooding after all this money is spent connecting it to US101. This is a total waste of taxpayer money to connect a freeway which years down the road will be underwater. The City of San Rafael must ask that TAM stop moving forward on this until they include these studies with regard to the long term.

If the only feasible connector alternatives must be in Southeast San Rafael, then the City Council is responsible for ensuring the long term public safety, environment and quality of life for 14,000 residents, 25% of the population in the process. Do not approve any of TAM's proposed alternatives unless they broaden the scope of their plans to include all of the above.

Thank you,

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*"Remember this, my friends: there are no such things as bad plants or bad men.
There are only bad cultivators."
Victor Hugo, "Les Miserables"*