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RE: Marin 101 HOV Gap Closure Draft EIR

Dear Public Information Division:

Following are the County Public Works Traffic Division's comments on the Draft EIR:

Procedurally, the Value Engineering should be completed before the Final is published to be sure that the Final document adequately covers the probable project.

On page 39 the Draft describes the existing traffic conditions and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane hours. That description is incorrect for the southbound operation in the morning hours. The description says that the HOV hours have been changed to 6:30 to 9:30 A.M.. The existing hours are from 6:30 to 8:30 A.M. and the County of Marin and City of San Rafael have both initiated discussions with Caltrans about the possibility of extending the hours a half an hour on either end. Caltrans Highway Operations is in the process of reviewing those requests and determining whether there should be additional HOV operating time. It is expected that new hours will be implemented later this summer/fall.

If you have any questions about any part of these comments please give me a call at (415) 499-6752.

Sincerely,

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