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Susan S. Simpson, Office Chief
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Dear Ms. Simpson:

MARIN 101 GAP CLOSURE PROJECT

While you are receiving public comment on this issue, I would like to make the following points:

- This project should only be implemented if it will deliver a truly long term solution to commute congestion southwards in the morning and northwards in the evening. Anything less than a complete solution is not worth the cost, disruption and property invasion.
- Even though the principle behind carpool lanes is good, the effectiveness and efficiency of using very scarce space in the Marin 101 Gap for carpool lanes is dubious. Such expense, disruption and invasion of private property to build just two carpool lanes has a very questionable cost/benefit equation.
- If the project is to be undertaken, the west side expansion seems the most efficacious, subject to the conditions noted above.

Your acknowledgment of this input will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mick Spilsbury