

COMMENT SHEET #8

### Comment Sheet

Route 101 Widening  
Public Hearing  
Santa Rosa Jr. High School  
Wednesday, November 18, 1998

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Please print.

To whom it may concern:
I wish to express my concerns and doubts regarding this plan. They are specifically: the number of mature trees which will be lost, the traffic congestion caused by years of construction, and the value of the project once completed.
I think it is simply a shame to remove as many of the mature redwoods as will have to be removed. I know there is talk of replanting, but it may not even be in my lifetime that they reach the size and beauty of the trees already there. Additionally, is not the years of construction required going to aggravate traffic all the more?
If this plan were truly an answer to traffic congestion, it might be possible to see the value. But what is the point of going through all of this to only move the bottleneck a few miles? To be honest, it seems idiotic. Can't we think of better alternatives?


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**Sonoma 101 Widening & Soundwall Construction (Wilfred to Route 12)  
Final Negative Declaration/Final Environmental Assessment**

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8-A	Replacement trees for the corridor are 15 gallon redwoods that are relatively fast growing and tall in stature. While they may not reach the height of the existing 50+ year old trees, they will average 20 to 30 feet of growth in 10 years.
8-B	During the interim construction period for the Route 101 from Wilfred Avenue to Route 12 widening and soundwall construction project, Caltrans has no plans to detour traffic onto local streets. Rather, except for the hours specified in lane closure charts, during construction, the freeway would have two 11-foot traffic lanes maintained in each direction at all times. Although construction activities on Route 101 may at times be inconvenient to local travelers, it will only be temporary in nature and is justified in light of the utility of the end product.
8-C	See response to 5-A