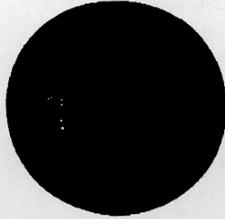


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November 25, 1998

Mr. Jim Smith
Project Development
Department of Transportation - District 4
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Re: Initial Study/Environmental Assessment, Proposed Widening of Route 101, South of Santa Rosa Avenue North to Highway 12

Dear Mr. Smith:

The County of Sonoma has received a letter dated November 24, 1998 from "The Committee for a Better Santa Rosa." This letter outlines several requests for improvements that are requested for traffic needs on Santa Rosa Avenue between the Highway 101 N/B off-ramp and Todd Road.

The County of Sonoma, while desirous of all the work requested, does not want to hinder in any way advancement of construction on the main Highway 101 freeway. The County Department of Transportation and Public Works has an existing ongoing project to construct ultimate 72" storm drain (Stage I) from Wilfred Channel north to Horn Avenue along N/B Santa Rosa Avenue. This project is expected to be under construction in the fall of 1999. The extension of this major storm drain along Santa Rosa Avenue north of Horn Avenue to Mountain View Avenue will not achieve funding until 2001 construction year. The completion of Stage I storm drain will easily allow the state to construct, realign and signalize the intersection for N/B 101 off-ramp at Santa Rosa Avenue, with widening (two-lane off-ramp) receiving lanes north of the intersection. The state should widen to five lanes a minimum of 200+ meters of Santa Rosa Avenue north of the proposed off-ramp signal with an additional 100-meter transitional taper to three lanes at Horn Avenue.

"The Committee for a Better Santa Rosa" is most concerned about construction-diverted traffic impacts on Santa Rosa Avenue. While not wanting to close off access completely for business purposes, they also don't want diversion or voluntary detour congestion. As a mitigation measure, the state may want to meter N/B off-ramp flows during construction, and, as the "Committee" suggests, install midblock interim signalization (at Mountain View Avenue) to control diverted traffic on Santa Rosa Avenue.

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(The main concern being the inability to get out of business driveways onto Santa Rosa Avenue, or to cross the roadway as a pedestrian.)

The County is also in support of the "Committee's" suggestion to install pipeline to use recycled water for landscape watering along Highway 101. This is a community need and is in the best interest of the whole County.

Please contract David Robertson, Deputy Director, County Department of Transportation and Public Works at (707) 527-3585 to answer any additional questions concerning these road design suggestions. Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Cordially,



TIM SMITH
Third District Supervisor

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Senator John Burton
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Assemblywoman Kerry Mazzone

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28-A	At the Santa Rosa off-ramp, signalization is included in the proposed project. The proposed project included widening a portion of Santa Rosa Avenue north of this off-ramp to provide two lanes in each direction. The existing left-turn pocket will be removed, and a median island will take its place preventing motorists from making left turns onto the overcrossing (a safety issue). After the overcrossing, Santa Rosa Avenue will taper from the two lanes in each direction to the existing one lane in each direction. Caltrans engineer, Bob Ruden of Design North Counties has already communicated this information to Dave Robertson from Sonoma County.
28-B	If the existing traffic conditions meet the engineering warrants, it is the County's responsibility to consider traffic signal installation at Mountain View Avenue since this area is under their jurisdiction.
28-C	Caltrans will study using recycled water for landscape watering along Route 101.