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comments: Two comments:

1. Funding: I like policy 3 of goal #3 for seeking sustainable funding. I think sustainability is the key. The way with which we have funded transportation is not sustainable as indicated on paragraph 3 on page 27: "The gas tax has lost almost 37 percent of its buying power since 1993". There must be a strategy to change this if we want to sustain our transportation system.

2. I support the general goal of a multimodal transportation system. However I feel that we may be putting too much emphasis on transit. Paragraph 4 on page 27 states that : "Transit receives only about 20 percent of available federal transportation funding". That statement is misleading by implying that we are under funding transit. In order to get a meaningful assessment on whether we are under funding transit or any other category is to look at the funding on a per user basis. Are there 20% of transit users in CA? If not then we are not underfunding it. I think we are lucky to have 10% statewide. As far as I know in most of CA jurisdictions transit use is heavily subsidized. So that means the more people use transit the more we are losing money. And where does the subsidies come from - from drivers who pay gas tax. So this issue is related to the issue #1 above - how to keep the CA transportation system sustainable? We have to stop looking at transit funding from only a pe!

centage point of view. The performance measure for transit system must include efficiency such as fare box recovery rate. The performance for all modes should include something like cost on a per user basis or per mile traveled basis. Otherwise we are will drive the whole system to the ground and at the end the users or people in CA will suffer.

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