

Athena Ullah - RE: language of the suggestion from my testimony

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Attachments: PA_MTC_memo 20120524.pdf

Ok, thanks Hing. FYI, I have also attached the memo that I referenced in the testimony.

Here is a brief summary of the memo which shows that equitable distribution of affordable housing can reduce VMT:

This memo by Alex Karner and Deb Niemeier of UC Davis, as well as an analysis by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments, indicate that gentrification and displacement of low-income residents are likely outcomes in areas expected to receive transit investments over the course of Plan Bay Area. The memo presents evidence correlating inequitable housing distributions with higher vehicle miles traveled (VMT), suggesting that investment in affordable housing can help to meet SB 375's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals while mitigating the risk of gentrification and displacement. Additional transportation policies proposed to achieve GHG targets should not be myopically focused on transportation technology. Strategies such as affordable housing provision can help to meet SB 375's goals while mitigating other transportation externalities.

If you or other ABAG staff are interested in contacting the analyst at UC Davis that wrote it, just let me know and I can introduce you.

Thank you,
Parisa

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Parisa -

This is fine. Thanks!

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Hing,

Since you requested, here is the language of the methodology amendment I made in my public comment:

Every jurisdiction with a median income above the Bay Area average should take-on at least as much of the region's lower-income housing need as it did in the 2007-2014 Planning Period. This would mean shifting some lower-income units from lower-income cities to more affluent cities in exchange for higher-income units. The total RHNA number for each jurisdiction would remain the same.

If I can, I will send you the rest of my comments soon, but this was the key part.

Thanks,
Parisa

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