

APPENDIX C9
PUBLIC COMMENTS

From: Jason Lee [<mailto:jasonrlee@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 11:09 AM

To: Dow, Angie

Subject: Comments on Proposed Hanford Transit Center Relocation

Dear Director Dow,

I am a frequent traveler on Amtrak's San Joaquin train. To get around Hanford and Kings County, I transfer to KART buses at the conveniently located station only steps from the train platform. There are also Orange Belt Line buses to Visalia, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria all at this one center.

If I understand this proposed project correctly, you would be relocating the transit center on the other side of Downtown Hanford, far away from Amtrak trains and intercity buses.

This relocation would cause undo harm to current riders, forcing us to walk six blocks to reach the station. Imagine how challenging this would be if you are a senior citizen or a person with disability, when it's dark outside or simply during a typical summer day when it is over 100 degrees outside. People will miss their transfers, causing 30 or 60 minute delays in their travel time, and your customers will stop riding the system. And aside from the physical aspects of making that transfer, please consider the safety and security implications of people walking during the early morning hours or late at night to make transfers when everything is closed outside.

I urge you to reconsider other alternatives. In your July 3, 2018 "KART Transit Station Site Selection Study," you identified expansion of the existing site as a feasible alternative. What you have works right now. Your current transit center right next to the Amtrak station is perhaps the best example of an integrated transportation facility for a small city in the United States. These connections would be severed if you go ahead with the proposed project. This would be a grave mistake.

Please focus on expanding and improving the existing transit center site at the Amtrak station in your environmental analysis.

From: "Dan Chin" <Dan@buddystrophies.com>

Date: August 14, 2019 at 2:48:59 PM PDT

To: <angie.dow@co.kings.ca.us>

Subject: Questions for the environmental impact report for the transit station project

Reply-To: <Dan@buddystrophies.com>

Angie,

Here are my questions that I would like to be included in the EIR for this project.

Sincerely,

Dan chin

KART transit station project environmental impact report questions

Question 1 will the buses that will start at the beginning of this project run on natural gas or electric energy. At what point in time will all these buses be rechargeable.

Question 2 based on the number of trips and the traffic associated with this project what environmental friendly offsets be used to enhance public safety of pedestrians.

Question 3 currently a three-story 19,000 ft.² building is proposed along the frontage of seventh street. Since this project is in the fly zone of the Hanford municipal Airport, is the building height allowed and what other offsets are being considered due to the flightpath.

Question 4 the current zoning for this project in downtown Hanford is downtown mixed use. The zoning allows for a combination of retail, office, and apartments. What considerations are being proposed from environmental impact perspective from a best use scenario that best fits the surrounding land use as opposed to what is best proposed for project site use. I.e. most people believe that the best use of the building facing seventh Street should be as much retail as possible on the ground floor and market rate apartments on the third floor.

Question 5 since this project is federally funded the federal courts have ruled that public access cannot be denied to any member of society regardless of personal situations. What environmental

impact measures are being considered concerning the homeless or any other segment of the population.

Question 6 what environmental impact measures are being planned to offset the amount of noise that will be generated by the number of buses and the number of trips in any 24 hour period.

Question 7 this site selection has a long history of petroleum product use. What environmental measures are being taken to confirm that this project is free of any contamination? If contamination is found, what land remediation measures will be used to clear the land of contamination for both petroleum and asbestos?

Sincerely, Dan chin