

From: Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC
To: Remedios, Douglas@DOT
Cc: Golaszewski, Paul@CATC; Taylor, Tanisha@CATC; Waters, Laurie@CATC
Subject: Fw: RES. E-25-20
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 5:00:37 PM

Hi Doug –

Please include the attached emails as additional materials for Tab 60.

Thank you,
Kacey

From: Sarah Blake <sarah.foy831@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 4:57:38 PM
Subject: RES. E-25-20

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Links/attachments may not be safe.

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

My name is Sarah Blake, and I write to express my firm opposition to the approval of Resolution E-25-20, which would advance the MST SURF! project for future funding consideration. The reliance on the existing Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and CEQA exemption is both outdated and inadequate, as the California Coastal Commission's modifications have significantly altered the project's scope and impact.

Notably, the realignment over contaminated ballast and the removal of creosote-treated railroad ties introduce serious environmental and public health concerns that have not been properly addressed or disclosed. The failure to update the CEQA documentation to reflect these fundamental changes undermines the integrity of the environmental review process and renders the project unsuitable for funding consideration at this time. I urge you to reconsider this resolution in light of these unresolved issues.

Sincerely,
Sarah Blake
Retired educator
Local resident of Marina for 18 years

From: Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC
To: Remedios, Douglas@DOT
Cc: Waters, Laurie@CATC; Golaszewski, Paul@CATC; Taylor, Tanisha@CATC
Subject: Fw: Opposition to Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, Resolution E-25-20
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 5:00:12 PM

Hi Doug –

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Thank you,
Kacey

From: Michael Kennedy <mgk333@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 3:48:09 PM
To: California Transportation Commission@CATC <ctc@catc.ca.gov>
Cc: Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC <Kacey.Ruggiero@catc.ca.gov>; Taylor, Tanisha@CATC <Tanisha.Taylor@catc.ca.gov>; Golaszewski, Paul@CATC <Paul.Golaszewski@catc.ca.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, Resolution E-25-20

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Dear Chair and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the approval of Resolution E-25-20, which would enable the MST SURF! project to move forward for future funding consideration. The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and CEQA exemption relied upon for this project are both outdated and inaccurate, as they fail to reflect significant modifications made by the California Coastal Commission. These alterations—such as the realignment over contaminated ballast and the removal of creosote-treated railroad ties—introduce serious issues that have not been adequately addressed or disclosed.

The presence of undisclosed hazardous materials, coupled with the absence of revised CEQA documentation, raises substantial concerns about the project's suitability for funding. Proceeding with this project under these circumstances would be both premature and irresponsible.

Sincerely,

Michael Kennedy
Marina, CA

From: [Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC](mailto:Ruggiero_Kacey@CATC)
To: [Remedios, Douglas@DOT](mailto:Remedios_Douglas@DOT)
Cc: [Taylor, Tanisha@CATC](mailto:Taylor_Tanisha@CATC); California Transportation Commission@CATC; [Golaszewski, Paul@CATC](mailto:Golaszewski_Paul@CATC); [Waters, Laurie@CATC](mailto:Waters_Laurie@CATC)
Subject: RE: Opposition to Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration - Mitigated Negative Declaration for the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, Resolution E-25-20
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 11:51:19 AM

Hi Doug –

Please include the below email as additional materials for Tab 60.

Thank you,
Kacey

From: Mia Nguyen <mianguyen23@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 11:48 AM
To: Taylor, Tanisha@CATC <Tanisha.Taylor@catc.ca.gov>; California Transportation Commission@CATC <ctc@catc.ca.gov>; Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC <Kacey.Ruggiero@catc.ca.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration - Mitigated Negative Declaration for the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, Resolution E-25-20

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Dear Chair and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the approval of Resolution E-25-20, which would allow the MST SURF! project to be considered for future funding.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and CEQA exemption relied upon for this project are outdated and inaccurate, as the California Coastal Commission's modifications have fundamentally altered the project, including the realignment over contaminated ballast and the removal of creosote-treated railroad ties, issues which have not been properly addressed or disclosed. These undisclosed hazardous materials concerns, combined with the lack of revised CEQA documentation, render the current project unsuitable for funding consideration.

Sincerely,

Mia Nguyen
Marina CA resident and voter

From: jeff@jeffmarkham.com
To: Ruggiero_Kacey@CATC; Taylor_Tanisha@CATC; California Transportation Commission@CATC
Subject: Opposition to Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, Resolution E-25-20
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 10:43:37 AM

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Dear Chair and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the approval of Resolution E-25-20, which would allow the MST SURF! project to be considered for future funding.

I wish to point out that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and CEQA exemption for this project were determined BEFORE the rather significant changes which were proposed as remedies to the California Coastal Commission (as part of their conditional approval).

These alterations changed the project considerably, including usage of rail line and reconfiguration of the route.

I walk parts of the proposed line frequently and it is baffling to me, seeing all the flora and animals (coyotes, rabbits, owls, and the occasional bobcat) that this could possibly be considered exempt from environmental review.

I consider the MND and CEQA exemption a “trick” and it is outrageous that such a significant change wouldn’t trigger these reviews. Any private entity would NEVER be granted such an exemption.

Please do not approve Resolution E-25-20

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Markham
3005 Concord Ct.
Marina CA, 93933

From: [Jennifer Davidson](#)
To: [Taylor, Tanisha@CATC](#); [California Transportation Commission@CATC](#); [Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC](#)
Subject: Opposition to Current Funding Consideration for the MST SURF! Bus Rapid Transit Project, Resolution E-25-20
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 9:44:57 AM

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Dear Chair and Commissioners, I'm writing to express my opposition to the approval of Resolution E-25-20, which would allow the MST SURF! project to be considered for future funding. The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and CEQA exemption relied upon for this project are outdated and inaccurate, as the California Coastal Commission's modifications have fundamentally altered the project, including the realignment over contaminated ballast and the removal of creosote-treated railroad ties, issues which have not been properly addressed or disclosed. These undisclosed hazardous materials concerns, combined with the lack of revised CEQA documentation, render the current project unsuitable for funding consideration.

They would be welcome to update the required reports and submit again.

I support public transit, as a sustainable designer in Monterey 93940. Sincerely,

Jennifer Davidson

From: [Christina Rocchi](#)
To: [California Transportation Commission@CATC](#); [Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC](#); [Taylor, Tanisha@CATC](#)
Subject: Please Vote NO on MST SURF Project
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 9:18:33 AM

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Esteemed Members of the California Transportation Commission,

I reside in Marina, CA and am adamantly against the MST SURF project. Please vote NO on the MST SURF project - this is an abysmal use of my tax dollars and, if approved, will destroy the natural beauty and the access I have enjoyed for the past two decades. This is a highly sensitive environment, and it makes no sense to me why MST should be allowed to develop this project which has not undergone the normal CEQA review and filing, as all other developers must do, And all for marginal, if any, positive impact on the traffic situation here on the bay.

Please vote NO on the MST SURF project.

Thank you,
Christina Rocchi
1606 Hodges Court
Marina, CA 93933
(707) 321-6996

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**“Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.” -
Buddha**

From: [John Adams](#)
To: [Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC](mailto:Ruggiero.Kacey@CATC)
Subject: Opposition to Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, Resolution E-25-20
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 10:10:43 PM

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Dear Chair and Commissioners, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the approval of Resolution E-25-20, which would allow the MST SURF! project to be considered for future funding. The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and CEQA exemption relied upon for this project are outdated and inaccurate, as the California Coastal Commission's modifications have fundamentally altered the project, including the realignment over contaminated ballast and the removal of creosote-treated railroad ties, issues which have not been properly addressed or disclosed. These undisclosed hazardous materials concerns, combined with the lack of revised CEQA documentation, render the current project unsuitable for funding consideration. Sincerely,

John J. Adams
612 Bluffs Dr
Marina, CA 93933

From: [Deb Hanson](#)
To: [Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC](mailto:Ruggiero.Kacey@CATC)
Subject: Surf Project
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 9:19:21 PM

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The surf project is a waste of dollars. The commute in the morning from Marina to Seaside is only about ten minutes even with heavy traffic. I commute both ways and would NEVER take a bus for that short of a distance. It's ridiculous.

Debra Hanson
(816) 220-7850
Debralouis55@gmail.com

From: [Sarah Blake](#)
Subject: RES. E-25-20
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 4:58:00 PM

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Dear Chair and Commissioners,

My name is Sarah Blake, and I write to express my firm opposition to the approval of Resolution E-25-20, which would advance the MST SURF! project for future funding consideration. The reliance on the existing Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and CEQA exemption is both outdated and inadequate, as the California Coastal Commission's modifications have significantly altered the project's scope and impact.

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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dawn Ortiz-Legg *District Three Supervisor*

March 18, 2025
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Item 83 & 84 Support of Bob Jones Trail Gap Closure Project

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

On behalf of District 3, home of the Bob Jones Trail, I extend my sincere gratitude for the time and effort the CTC has dedicated to bringing this project to fruition for our community.

Your staff's remarkable generosity has been instrumental in helping us achieve a dream. The initial \$18 million Active Transportation Grant was an enormous boost, and then to continue to guide us through the challenges of establishing a safe, alternative transportation route for the southern portion of San Luis Obispo County.

I speak for my office and the community when I say our local process has been both deeply frustrating and disheartening. I will state no more, other than the pressing need to reduce traffic on Highway 101 is undeniable, which is why Caltrans has stepped forward to provide us with a right-of-way.

Tragically, we recently lost another cherished member of our community in a cycling accident. Had the Bob Jones Trail been in place, there is a strong possibility that his life might have been spared. This is the second time we have experienced such a heartbreaking loss in this area.

Our commitment to the Bob Jones Trail remains unwavering. We honor the memories of Dr. Damian Hortsman and Saul Goldberg by providing a safe commuting route for workers throughout San Luis Obispo County and offering a valuable recreational asset for hundreds of community members—not to mention the seven and a half million visitors to our region. A trail like this benefits individuals from every socioeconomic background.

Thank you for your collaboration with our regional SLOCOG agency, SLO County Public Works staff, and the nonprofit Friends of the Bob Jones Trail. Your continued support in approving the trail is essential so that we can move forward as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Chair, San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

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From: [Steffanie H](#)
To: California.Transportation.Commission@CATC
Subject: Surf bus
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 1:10:30 AM

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As a Marina homeowner, I ask you to deny this ridiculous 6 mile bus project that will cause terrible environmental destruction for no good reason.

How many people will benefit from this environmental damage? Plus paving more areas to create bus stops/transit stations and parking lots?

What about the destruction of 150 mature iconic Monterey Cypress trees, by their count.

They have even talked about cutting these trees in preparation for the approval. This is appalling.

Please reconsider this and put the busses on a paved Hwy 1 bus only shoulder as other cities have done.

Sincerely,
Steffanie Hochuli

From: [John Adams](#)
To: [California Transportation Commission@CATC](mailto:California.Transportation.Commission@CATC)
Subject: Opposition to Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, Resolution E-25-20
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612 Bluffs Dr
Marina, CA 93933

From: [Deb Hanson](#)
To: California.Transportation.Commission@CATC
Subject: Surf project
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 9:16:09 PM

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The surf project is a waste of dollars. The commute from Marina to Seaside only takes about ten minutes even in heavy traffic. It's ridiculous that CTC is even considering this. I drive this all the time. It's easy to commute in the morning and even easier in the evening.

Debra Hanson
(916) 220-7850
Debralouis55@gmail.com

From: [Mia Nguyen](#)
To: [Taylor, Tanisha@CATC](#); [California Transportation Commission@CATC](#); [Ruggiero, Kacey@CATC](#)
Subject: Opposition to Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration - Mitigated Negative Declaration for the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, Resolution E-25-20
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