



TA Board of Directors
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Has anyone on this committee ever traveled to other developed counties? Did you notice how public transport systems are designed to work together? For example, if you are going to Lyon or Avignon or Marseille in France you fly into Charles de Gaulle airport, take an escalator or elevator to the ground floor and catch high speed rail to your final destination. The train departure times are mostly coordinated.

If you fly to Heathrow near London, take an escalator down to a rail station straight to Paddington Station in town. At Paddington you connect to the Underground and anywhere in greater London you wish. If you are still in Paris, take the RER train from CDG and transfer at Gare de Nord, or any other half dozen stops on the Metro, the Paris subway. The same can be said of transport connections in Chicago, NYC, and Atlanta. The point is that the various transport systems are closely linked, making it easy for travelers and business people to use public transport.

The Bay Area has another way of doing things, in spite of the intellect and financial resources we have. It took BART 40 years to open a station at SFO. The ritzy Transbay transport terminal connects to, well, not much! Caltrain only connects to bus lines. While high speed rail in the USA has turned into a nightmare, it may not reach San Francisco in my lifetime. However, my bet is the Wise Guys in Vegas will get their high speed rail line completed soon.

The reason Bay Area transport is a muddle with regional committees and funding, it is with regional self interest as the primary motive in planning. What about the commuter? Where are commuter priorities in this madness?

This committee, and other similar committees, are in a dilemma as to how to move forward. However, as you work through how to proceed, please keep a regional network that works for commuters in an efficient manner as your goal. Your network design CAN get people out of autos, and save money with fewer freeways and pollution if you have an open mind and work together.

Rgds,

Malcolm Robinson
Bay Area resident since 1969

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As an advocate for pedestrian and bicycle safety, I'm seeing red. No, not red curbs as California's "Daylight Law" describes. It is the lack of any effort to create safe pedestrian zones at intersections that has me seeing red. Why is that the case in many San Mateo county cities?

In the town I live in, there are no "Daylight curbs" at intersections. I have read it is a budget issue, and a dearth of parking spots as reasons to not honor the state law. As my City Council continuously approves building apartment buildings without enough parking, it does make one wonder what's going on, and perhaps why this isn't a greater priority.

Some SMC TA approved projects have given millions of dollars for infrastructure projects to cities that do not honor the Daylight Law. Shouldn't having recognition and some effort to honor the Daylight Law be a requirement to get any funding in SMC? Why not?

Today the SMC TA will approve a hefty budget. Would it be too much to ask that the Board approve some red paint and elbow grease in the coming year to make it safe for pedestrians? I'd settle for even a 10 foot easement to improve visibility.

Pls make it safe to walk and bike in SMC.

Rgds,

Malcolm Robinson
SMC Resident Since 1970