

Correspondence on Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 Amendment

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Comment:

I was surprised and disappointed that extension of SMART rail service to Cloverdale was omitted from Plan Bay Area 2050. As I resident of Anderson Valley for 33 years, I saw how much enthusiasm the new rail service inspired when Sonoma County voted overwhelmingly to fund it through sales tax in 2008, with the goal of providing rail service to Cloverdale by 2014. It's now 2024, and all this time, Cloverdale citizens have been paying sales tax to support a transit system that doesn't serve us, and we are arguably the community that can least afford it. Please change the North Bay Near Term Project item that reads "SMART Rail Extension from Windsor to Healdsburg" to "SMART Rail Extension from Windsor to Cloverdale."