

Correspondence on Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 Amendment

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Comment:

Addendum to my previously submitted comment:

SB 904 (Dodd), recently passed by the CA legislature, removed vital anti-sprawl protections originally contained in CA law. The following sentence was deleted from Section 105096 of the Public Utilities Code:

"(c)†In Sonoma County, north of Healdsburg, the district shall locate commuter stations only within incorporated areas."

This suggests that if this Amendment to PBA 2050 is approved without additional conditions or fiscal constraints, SMART does not intend to simply stop in Healdsburg. Instead SMART will likely seek to add additional new stations in Geyserville and elsewhere along the existing right-of-way all the way to Cloverdale and beyond. These as yet unanalyzed remote growth-inducing impacts of the Amendment must be fully assessed, and recirculated for public comment, before it is adopted by MTC/ABAG.

Respectfully Submitted,
- Tom Conlon