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Public Comment

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- The California Coastal Act and the County's CLUP requires all new development in the coastal zone minimize VMT and energy consumption. This requirement exceeds the CEQA requirement for GHG impacts.
- County P&D, last week, acknowledged in writing that Coastal Act and County CLUP requirements for VMT and energy reduction exceeds CEQA requirements, requiring VMT and energy impacts from new projects located in the coastal zone to be reduced beyond "less than significant" when feasible.
- Commercial and business projects that are constructed in high housing cost areas should be analyzed for inducing high commuter VMT caused by employees living in low housing cost areas commuting to jobs located in high housing cost areas.
- Environmental studies for commercial and business projects proposed in high housing cost areas should include a comparative analysis of commuter induced VMT, GHG and energy impacts between the proposed project and construction of the project in a low housing cost area. That analysis should be considered as an alternative to the proposed project.

Tourist and travel related projects should be analysed for tourist travel VMT and GHG impacts, and those VMT and GHG impacts should be added to the total project VMT and GHG impacts.

Thank you
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One final fact- Tourist industry related GHG emissions in Santa Barbara County were ~ 2,500 tons/day, ~ 900,000 tons/year in 2019. Compare that to GHG emissions from manufacturing industries in Santa Barbara County in 2019.

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