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Subject: Public Comments on MTP

Dear Ms. Symons:

I have received correspondence from Matt Carpenter, in response to my earlier written comments to him, regarding the SACOG's MTP. In particular, I was interested in plans to increase public transit between the Sierra foothills (specifically, Auburn) and downtown Sacramento. I am a commuter along that route, daily.

Mr. Carpenter invited me to make further comments on the Final Draft MTP2035 during this second public comment period. I would like to encourage the expansion of Capitol Corridor service between downtown Sacramento and Auburn, which Mr. Carpenter said would be two more daily trains in each direction. This would, hopefully, result in a total of three trains in each direction, each day.

Recently, the Sacramento Bee wrote of the expansion of ridership on the Capitol Corridor train route. I believe ridership is up 35%. The addition of more convenient and frequent additional daily trains can only increase ridership.

I reside in Meadow Vista -- about halfway between Auburn and Colfax -- and I work in City Hall, downtown. As things stand right now, I am lucky if I can take the train to work one day per week. Currently, the only Capitol Corridor train out of Auburn leaves at 6:30am, arriving downtown just before 8am downtown. As a working single mother with two teenage children to drop off at Auburn schools between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m., the 6:30am train is just too early for me. Additional trains leaving at 7:30, 8:00 and/or 8:30 a.m., as well as additional evening departures at 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. -- would make it possible for me to commute daily. My employer (the City of Sacramento) encourages this by paying for monthly train passes for employees who commute by public transit.

I have lived and travelled extensively in London and in New York City, and so I have experienced, first-hand, how the quality of life is enhanced by the availability of frequent train service from suburbs to the inner cities.

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