

Dear Members of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission-

As former chair of the Union City Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPAC), I am writing to express my disappointment with elements of the programming decisions proposed in Resolution 4411.

First, I am deeply concerned about the impact that the Quarry Lakes Parkway will have on the Union City Station district. The 1,700 housing units proposed in this area are within walking distance of the Union City BART station. Therefore, pedestrian and bicyclist safety are top priorities and essential for encouraging walking, biking, and the use of public transit. Building the large Quarry Lakes Parkway, which will route more than 30,000 vehicles per day through this area, seems highly problematic and counterproductive.

It also seems utterly unnecessary. Even if outdated Level-of-Service methods from the pre-SB 743 era were prioritized over VMT minimization, trip generation models for mixed-use developments near transit only predict 595 peak-hour trips—a fraction of the hourly capacity of a single vehicle lane. By any measure, the Quarry Lakes Parkway is complete overkill. As BPAC Chair, after watching many presentations on the QLP, I realized that the road was designed primarily to maximize vehicle carrying capacity, with NACTO features added merely as damage control.

Second, I am disappointed that the Union City portion of Decoto Road is not included as a Complete Streets project in the Resolution. The December [2020 Decoto Road Multimodal Concept Plan](#) included the entire Decoto corridor from the I-880 Interchange in Fremont to the Union City BART station. I am dismayed that the Union City portion was not submitted as an eligible project worth consideration. This would have been a better option than the Quarry Lakes Parkway. The Union City portion of Decoto Road is in dire need of improvements, such as pavement rehabilitation, restriping for buffered bike lanes, and protected intersections like those implemented in many parts of Fremont.

Finally, I find it highly problematic that this discussion is occurring at MTC rather than at ACTC, where commissioners would be more

familiar with the various projects and better able to prioritize among them. While I support the other projects funded via the resolution, I urge you to remove the Quarry Lakes Parkway and instruct ACTC to facilitate a proper public discussion on the relative prioritization between the Quarry Lakes Parkway and other available options.

Thank you very much for your proper consideration on this topic-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M S Gill". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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