

I-308 Karen S. Pearson

I-308-1 The comment explains that the Project is “Smart Growth” for the area. The comment states that although many people expect a project to be completely walkable or bikeable to give it the “Smart Growth” designation, that is unrealistic and rather, the designation should be based on how a Project deals with its own parameters. The comment states that it is unrealistic to think that people are going to be out of their cars in this area of the County, but the Project provides transit options and allows residents easy access to the freeway with transit oriented options surrounding the homes, town center, and employment areas. The comment states that providing park and ride lots, shuttles, and other options that encourage ridesharing also reduce the cars on roads. The comment explains that they look forward to learning more about the different transit ideas Newland has for the project. The comment states that a Rapid Transit Station might be another good option for the project.

The County acknowledges the comments and notes they express the opinions of the commenter, and does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of any specific section or analysis of the Draft EIR. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.

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