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Dear CalEPA Staff;

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this workshop. I did have a comment.

What I have noticed with efforts by the Bay Area MTC, is that they appear to be having a problem shedding historic, and economic expectations and conventions regarding how things should operate in the public sector. These preconceptions are clearly limiting the scope necessary to make necessarily transformative planning decisions to achieve their goals under Bay Area 2050. Presently, I don't see how they will get there.

Clearly the success of the 2 studies under AB74 face similar potential existential conflicts. We cannot be who we have been, or who we are now, while at the same time planning who we will be; without shedding conventions. One set of conventions is the social and economic integration around automobile transportation. I have heard that California cannot produce enough renewable electricity to power electric automobiles for everyone. If we all share the assumption that what is required to slow and stop global warming is to simply switch to electric cars, we will be stymied; stopped. Only the elite will have them. We will have to stop and formulate another plan. We do not have time for this. We have to choose wisely.

Alternatively, if we consider robust public transportation; there will be enough renewable energy. Personal transportation could be Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV). These are local, 35 mph max, certainly not a freeway vehicle. They will be necessary because we do not have time to transform suburbia; every small city and town. Regional and distant transportation would by necessity be public transportation. This is a major change; to the auto industry, the road development, bridge building, petrochemical, fossil fuel industry, gas tax revenues. It goes deep. We have to go this deep. The difference between change and transformation. I can only hope the State of California can lead in this regard.

So, I believe any success we enjoy in the future from having reached our goals and obtained tangible climate results, wholly depends on the extent to which we are able to step outside ourselves.

Thanks,

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