

Ben

I have a conflict with the next Transportation Futures Task Force meeting on 7/29, and thus will likely not attend.

In the event that I do not attend, could I ask you to read the following into the record (or otherwise distribute it) on my behalf?

Thanks

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Part of the transportation plan for this region is Bus Rapid Transit on I-405.

The only way to make freeway BRT work is to ensure that at least one lane each direction remains congestion-free, even at the height of rush hours.

Otherwise buses will at times be caught in congestion along with everyone else, and there's nothing 'rapid' about that.

While expanding 405 is in the offing, that in itself does not ensure congestion-free travel at all times.

The only way to do that is to either convert the HOV lanes to bus-only status OR to convert them into HOT lanes, with the bar as to who-travels-free set high enough so that these lanes are never congested.

For reasons I won't go into here, the best place to place that bar is at "vanpools or better".

Once you've done that, you have ensured congestion-free freeway Bus Rapid Transit in perpetuity.

This should be done on I-405.

And not just on 405, but on all freeways in the region.

Doing so would help you to meet your goal of achieving a surface mobility solution which the region can afford.

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