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Public Comment

Under extended deadline for EIS Scoping of 7/31, I wish to speak to COVID-19 pandemic impacts. The City V/C and traffic studies all occurred BEFORE coronavirus hit. Traffic volumes and patterns have been tremendously impacted and changed. (Much lower volumes, less cars, less trips, closer to home without congestion issues.) Traffic counts from past aren't valid now.

GMA requires that Critical Areas be protected with NO NET LOSS and using BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE. If City/Council adopts V/C for concurrency, it will reduce big development and push stress and pressure into Critical Areas. To use Best Available Science (BAS), the City will have to do new traffic counts/studies. We know today is different than before, and the future and long-term impacts are unknown.

However, Enrich & Sustain "optimal growth" alternative worked BEFORE pandemic, will work EVEN BETTER with the pandemic, and addresses future traffic through having right housing for needs/wants and selecting Land Use based on housing data and needs... lessening traffic.
Diverse/different/smaller housing options will NOT create nor generate traffic as much as more large single family homes sprawling across vacant lands.

Travel demands are down with COVID-19, and this gives the City and Council time to study the housing supplies and needs/wants and "optimally" set Land Use that will truly serve our community now, and into the future... even with and after pandemic effects.

Thank you for the extended time to give inputs.