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I am a San Mateo resident now for 20 years and have already seen how the City has abjectly failed to keep its infrastructure up to speed with the increased higher-density residential and commercial development that it continues to approve.

In reviewing the 2040 vision for the City, there is a glaring omission of improving the transportation infrastructure for vehicles. It's all focused on ridiculous assumptions that population and density growth will be primarily served with mass transit. I have to ask – what planet do these assumptions come from? Certainly not one grounded in reality. Look no further than Hillsdale Blvd or El Camino Real at 530pm on any weekday to see how the City is already failing its residents. The gridlock is not going to be solved by an electrified CalTrain and more SamTrans buses.

This General Plan MUST be updated to include the need for significant upgrades to our streets and roadways to handle the already-increased volume of vehicle traffic that is already negatively impacting quality of life. There is a vague reference to “infrastructure” but this problem is already so serious that it must be called out as a separate and distinct item.

I shudder to think of how 20 more years of the same is going to further damage quality of life here – beyond the point where we will want to live here.

There is a simple solution to this problem – developers MUST fund the costs of upgrading streets and roadways along the city's arteries to accommodate the increased vehicle traffic that their projects will create. To not place this burden on them is irresponsible and does a major disservice to the residents of the City who then bear the brunt of the City's failure to improve traffic.

Sincerely,

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