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September 21, 2020

GP 4 Yr. Review Task Force

via email to: GeneralPlanStaff@sanjoseca.gov

cc: agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov

Re: Staff Memorandum for Sep. 21, 2020 TASK FORCE MEETING

Dear Envision San Jose 2040 4-Year Review Task Force,

Please support the Staff recommendations!

We have already begun to experience the effects from climate change as we see today with California "mega-fires" due in part from California increasing 2 degrees in temperature since 1980. This has resulted in twice as many high fire threat days and a lengthening of the fire season by several months.¹ Of course, this is but one of many climate change concerns. We must act immediately to minimize our greenhouse gas pollution (GHG).

As the staff report mentions, 63% of San Jose GHG emissions come from transportation; therefore, we must reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) if we are to meet our Climate Smart goals. This means **we must adopt VMT tier II and push its goals forward.**

In these dark, smoke-clouded times, please show the City Council that San Jose residents wish to live in a responsible way and embrace its role as an American Cities Climate Challenge leader for a healthier planet with a brighter future for all.

Sincerely,

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Katja Irvin, Gladwyn d'Souza, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Conservation Committee Co-chairs

¹ <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2019/06/27/wildfires-all-seasons>
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