



City Council Meeting
Public Comments
February 8, 2023



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The City Council
City of Escondido
City Hall
201 North Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

RE: City Council Meeting of February 8, 2023, Regular Session, Public Comment, Agenda Item 8: Conway Residential Subdivision (Continued)

Dear Members of The City Council:

I was engaged by Greg Quist to review the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and supportive Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) for the Conway Residential Subdivision with respect to the assessment of Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) impacts and mitigations, and provide comments and a professional opinion. This letter presents my summary qualifications and documents my work.

Summary of Qualifications

I am a registered Civil Engineer and Traffic Engineer in California and have over 40 years of diverse experience covering all phases of project delivery, including preliminary assessment, conceptual planning, feasibility, design and construction. I have demonstrated expertise in transportation, traffic, and transit planning, engineering and design related to transit-oriented development, transit facilities, parking facilities, roadway and highway improvements, large and small development projects, neighborhood, community, downtown, city, subarea, county, and sub-regional plans, and transit and highway corridors. Finally, I have authored and managed dozens of transportation and circulation studies supporting environmental impact reports for transportation improvements and development projects of all kinds and sizes.

Comments on Assessment of VMT Impacts and Mitigations

The assessment of VMT impacts and mitigations described on pages 82 through 84 of the IS/MND and pages 19 through 23 of the TIA is incomplete and does not provide suitable traffic data and facts to support the finding of less than significant.

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The following points summarize the above statement.

1. The assessment of total VMT generated (or VMT impact) was done according to City guidance and looked reasonable;
2. Only one proposed VMT mitigation measure, Sidewalk (improvement), was supported by pertinent guidance (in this case the GHG Handbook, Measure T-18, Provide Pedestrian Network Improvement) and looked reasonable, showing an estimated VMT reduction of 121 daily VMT;
3. The other proposed VMT mitigation measures were not supported by any assumptions or empirical data and were therefore considered incomplete/invalid;
4. Therefore, total VMT reduction that can be claimed is 121 daily VMT, which does not meet the stated requirement to mitigate this impact to less than significant.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the IS/MND and TIA do not provide credible traffic data and facts to provide the public and City officials suitable bases to render stated environmental findings about project VMT.

Please contact me if you have any questions or other requests.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide these services to you. Please call me if you have any questions or other requests.

Sincerely,
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Regarding 2/8/23 Agenda Item #7-
Conway Residential Subdivision

Dear City Clerk Zack Beck,

I have many concerns about the above mentioned project. But I will address 2 concerns in this letter.

1) The project only aggravates the scarcity of low income housing units by demolishing at least 12 of such units. Where do those residents go during the 2-3 years of building the development?

2) It seems to me that this project is in violation of the Growth Management and Neighborhood Protection Act (Prop 5) enacted by over 60% of voters in 1991/8. Prop. 5 is there to protect the General Plan of Escondido and all quality of life issues for existing residents and for future residents. Has the City looked into the legality of this project relating to Prop. 5?

Thank you for your attention to my concerns and questions.

P.S. at the very least, an EIR is necessary.

Sincerely,

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Item # 9

Subject Trunk Sewer Replacement Project

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Bob Wise

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

For todays item #9 Staff Report approval of the Trunk Sewer Mains page 3 of 5 , we are happy to hear that the second lowest maping RED LINE that carries

40% of the Escondido sewer capacity will be abandoned and relocated to South Hale Avenue and then turning westerly back on Harmony Grove Road to the

existing street manhole in front of the Church of God. This will remove most of the risk where the Jan 2023 rain storm sink hole collapsed under the HOME at

space #72 . Although there will still be a NEW (8) eight inch sewer line installed in Casa Grande Estates & southerly , the 31 or so HomeOwners living near that

new 8 inch sewer line , can feel better knowing that there is VERY much less water moving underground in private property 1/4 mile north at Harmony Grove Rd !

WE see that the legend on that p3 of 5 maping diagram has a label of >>> "Replaced with Recent Emergency Projects" . We were told that the work

was done in November 2017 . The FIRST reading of this Staff Report was misleading to us that it seemed to refer to the last several months , but it was 5 years ago !

BEFORE this summer , when this project tears up the Acura & Kia & Buick GMC new car sales lots , will there be many cars SOLD for 50% OFF , to move them OUT ?

Thank you and good luck