

Rules Committee 1/5 - Item G.2. Charcot Extension

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Wed 12/29/2021 10:56 AM

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Dear Rules Committee,

We strongly recommend and support inclusion of this memorandum as an agenda item January 2022 or early February 2022. We wholeheartedly agree with the memo's recommendation to redirect funds to other VTA projects and cease forward movement on the Charcot Extension.

Councilmember Cohen together with Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez and Foley published a memorandum that recommends that the City Council officially directs staff to "take any steps necessary to cease progress" on Charcot.

We at Orchard, along with our community base, have long been working to stop this project due to the unnecessary healthy and safety risk for the children of Orchard School. We are pleased and very happy that our City Council member David Cohen, and Mayor Liccardo have "listened" to the community base in evaluating their publicized recommendation. There was no good location for an extension ending at Orchard school unfortunately, and we think that was a deciding factor in "putting our children first".

Thank you to Mayor Liccardo, and the San Jose City council for their support. Mr. Cohen has also been instrumental in reaching out and meeting with us regularly to fully understand all of the negative impacts this extension would bring. We sincerely appreciate his hands on approach, efforts and caring.

May we all have a safe and healthy 2022. This is a wonderful step in the right direction.

Best regards,

Stephanie Hill
Orchard School District
Board of Trustees, President

[REDACTED]
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City Council 2/1, Item 5.2 Charcot Extension

Lynn D Limqueco <[REDACTED]>

Sun 1/30/2022 11:15 PM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

I am a resident in District 4 and a concerned parent of two students currently attending Orchard Elementary School.

I appreciate that you are all looking out and planning projects for the betterment of our City and Community. However, Charcot Extension project is outdated and has no beneficial impact to our community. It puts our families and students' lives at risk and will add pollution in our quiet neighborhood.

I am sure you've all heard the pleas from my neighbors and fellow community members. I am writing to you all once again to ask that you please do not consider this project and cancel it once and for all.

Thank you Mayor Liccardo, Councilmember Cohen, Councilmember Peralez and Councilmember Foley for your support. Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Carrasco, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Esparza, Councilmember Arenas and Councilmember Mahan, may we also please count on your support to cancel this project and re-allocate this budget to other more impactful projects for our City?

Thank you for your time and looking forward to your favorable response at the council meeting on Tuesday, 2/1/2022.

Respectfully,

Lynn D Limqueco
Concerned Parent and Resident of District 4

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Keith Kwan <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/31/2022 1:41 AM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

Although I live in Evergreen area in district 8, my work place has been in district 4 for the past 26 years and I know the area of the subject project very well.

I also have investment properties in the vicinity of the subject project. I have been working in the technology innovation area for my entire career and I'm thankful for the city to support all the technology sector. I'm actually quite happy with the city development, especially along the Oakland road with the very nice community and the school.

When this subject project came to my attention, I was very surprised and upset. I think it's very odd for this old project to proceed and will certainly ruin the landscape there by introducing another busy road and it's outrageous to me that we are putting the health and safety of the kids in Orchard elementary school at risk.

I'm aware of a lot of the community members have opposed to this project for years and there is a lawsuit raised by the parents and teachers in the school and I agree and fully support that the Charcot Extension is an UNNECESSARY project.

I think the San Jose' Rules and Open Government Committee decision in early January to halt the plan is really heading to the right direction. VTA's action to pull the fund from the project is also a right move. I would also like to thank Mayor Liccardo, Councilmember Cohen, Councilmember Peralez and Councilmember Foley for their support of the community to stop the project.

However, to address this once and for all, I seriously ask you to CANCEL the project and take it out of any future plans or policies the City, VTA or anybody else has. I think the money will be better spent on other improvement projects.

Thanks for reading my message and I do look forward to all of you to do the right thing on coming Tuesday (2/1).

Yours Sincerely
Chin P Kwan

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Fwd: Charcot Extension Project

City Clerk <[redacted]>

Mon 1/31/2022 8:40 AM

To: Agendadesk <[redacted]>

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>

Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 11:39:45 PM

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Subject: Charcot Extension Project

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to you all to request to stop the Charcot extension project.

As a parent of 2 students in Orchard, I am deeply concerned about my children's health and safety during the construction and operation of the Charcot extension. The proposed time savings for the daily commuter was argued to be negligible. This is an outdated and dangerous project and I respectfully request for its termination.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Fwd: To Against Charcot Extension(反对!!!)

City Clerk <[redacted]>

Mon 1/31/2022 8:42 AM

To: Agendadesk <[redacted]>

From: suwei Huang <[redacted]>

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 6:59:57 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOff[redacted]> District1
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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

I am living in Silkwood Ln, San Jose beside Orchard School. I am writing to deliver my voice, say "No" to Project 5.2 Charcot Extension.

The Charcot Extension is and was an unnecessary and harmful project **Because it will definitely affect our safety and peaceful living enviromence/**

I thank Mayor Liccardo, Counclmember Cohen, Councilmember Peralez and Councilmember Foley for their memo and their support of the community.

I stand with my many fellow community members who have opposed this project for years.

I ask you to cancel the project and take it out of any future plans or policies the City, VTA or anybody else has.

Thank you for your support

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Agenda Item 5.2: Charcot Avenue Extension

Hoai-An Truong <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/31/2022 9:20 AM

To: District 6 <[REDACTED]>

Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Mothers Out Front Northern California <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Councilmember Davis,

As a brand new resident of District 6 and member of the leadership team of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley, I am keenly interested in your vote on the Charcot Ave. Extension Project. As a climate activist of 7 years, I've often mentioned in city council meetings, there is a 30-year lag between the time that greenhouse gases are emitted and when the effects are felt. The catastrophic wildfires, drought, and floods we are experiencing today are largely due to emissions from 30 years ago.

It is heartening to see that this Council is not only setting ambitious climate goals but is actually taking the necessary decisions to implement them - even if they seem difficult at first. Thank you for working with the community, with staff, with VTA and other stakeholders to lay the groundwork for today's decision. Please vote to end the Charcot project.

Indeed, it makes no environmental or fiscal sense to be investing in expanding highways which will only increase our VMT for decades. Especially since we may reach our climate's irreversible tipping point in 5 years, not 10, 15 or 25. In 2019, the city council declared a climate emergency. Please keep your word to our young people whose future is at stake to act URGENTLY on climate. I urge you to approve this memo and ultimately remove the Charcot project from the general plan, and continue to re-evaluate other projects like it and pursue more climate friendly solutions with the urgency of the climate emergency.

Thank you.

Hoai-An Truong
Leadership Team, Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley

Sent by carrier pigeon

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ALL HANDS ON DECK!
Climate Action: Do it for everyone you LOVE!

Food as Climate Action: Changing how we eat, how we farm, and reducing food waste are some of the FASTEST and easiest ways to REVERSE climate change.

#WeCanSolveThis (playlist - fun & interesting videos!):
[The diet that helps fight climate change and more](#)

Now on Netflix! [KISS THE GROUND](#) - movie based on the bestseller.
A climate solution full of hope!

Support [statewide and local/regional public banks](#) that reinvest profits in the public interest. This can include pandemic relief & recovery, AND climate solutions. And it's a way to divest our public institutions!

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Michael Kutilek <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/31/2022 9:49 AM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Counsel members:

The Charcot Extension is an unnecessary and harmful project to the local community and to Orchard School I stand with many community members who have opposed this project for years I ask you to cancel the project and take it out of any future plans or policies that the City, VTA or any else has

Thank you for your support

*Sincerely,
 Michael Kutilek*

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Support Item 5.1 to drop the Charcot Ave. Extension Project

Linda Hutchins-Knowles <[REDACTED]>

Tue 2/1/2022 8:51 AM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley and Mahan,

As leaders in the community representing 2000+ South Bay supporters, Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley strongly support the Memo by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Cohen, Peralez and Foley directing staff to “take any steps necessary to cease progress” on the Charcot Ave. Extension Project.

We have steadfastly opposed this misguided project for health, safety, equity, climate and fiscal reasons as detailed in our [letter of June 7, 2020](#), signed by 162 community members. Our concerns about increased air pollution were echoed by BAAQMD (the Bay Area Air Quality Management District) in their [letter to staff](#) on November 1, 2019.

Please see our attached letter for additional reasons to drop this environmentally unjust and harmful project once and for all.

Thank you for listening to the community,
Linda Hutchins-Knowles

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Date: February 1, 2022

Subject: Support Item 5.1 to drop the Charcot Ave. Extension Project

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Now that the VTA has given its approval to redirecting funding from this environmentally racist project, it’s time to discontinue it for good. We urge you to support the Orchard School Community in protecting the health, safety and property of the students, staff and neighbors, and to support our fragile climate by avoiding increased Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas emissions.

We urge you to do the right thing for the community and children and vote to approve the Memo to drop this outdated project once and for all, removing it from any future plans or policies of the City of San Jose.

Thank you,
Linda Hutchins-Knowles, Co-founder
For Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley

Fw: Please Cancel the Charcot Extension

City Clerk <[redacted]>

Tue 2/1/2022 10:26 AM

To: Agendadesk <[redacted]>

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From: Stephanie Morris <[redacted]>

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 6:30 PM

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Subject: City Council 2/1, Item 5.2 Charcot Extension

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

As a parent, I am concerned about The Orchard School. The Charcot Road Extension is an unnecessary and harmful project because it extends a busy road **way** too close to classrooms, adding traffic noise and pollution right near the classrooms. Adding a busy road next to an elementary school is not necessary for commute flow, and it is a **huge safety hazard** for children and families who walk to school. This roadway would also remove a portion of the outdoor play area, an unfair encroachment.

Environmental equity is at stake here. Historical plans to add more roads and cars are irrelevant at this point - what matters is what the impacts are today. Any small gains through adding this road simply do not outweigh the environmental and safety consequences to this school community.

I thank Mayor Liccardo, Councilmember Cohen, Councilmember Peralez and Councilmember Foley for their memo and their support of the community.

I stand with my many fellow community members who have opposed this project for years.

I ask you to **cancel the Charcot extension project** and remove it from any future plans or policies of the City of San Jose.

Thank you,

Stephanie Morris
Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley

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