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Hello Committee,

I am just wondering if anyone considered this Bus On Shoulder initiative. I believe, by doing my own research, that the money spent on this project is a complete waste. The commute situation on Hwy 1 is more than just a bus issue. This shoulder lane should be for commuters.

What will happen to the traffic when the shoulder ends and the buses try to merge onto traffic. It will be another mess and back up.

Also, I have been observing the buses during different times of the day and evening and there are about 3 to 4 people riding the bus at any given time. The buses Santa Cruz has holds about 50 people. To run routes with this few people is not economical at all.

Has anyone actually ridden the buses to see how many people are really riding? The people who are driving are most likely not going to take the bus because of an extra lane on the highway.

Has anyone actually looked at the income from bus riders and bus passes compared to the expense of maintaining the bus, fuel and driver pay? I will bet it is a huge loss.

Please let's be prudent in our decisions and yes make a shoulder for cars and possibly buses.

Thank you for your time.

Thank You



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