

PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

The CeSPNC is very concerned about Metro's recent decision to eliminate face-to-face community meetings in favor of on-line comments with respect to the proposed NextGen Plan EIR. The Council recognizes the seriousness of distance separation due to the current pandemic, however; we see no reason to rush the EIR decision-making process given the importance of the transit issues that will impact the central San Pedro area, indeed all of the Harbor Area already in dire need of improved public transit.

Our recommendations for the proposed implementation of the EIR include:

1. Extension of the roll out deadline so all communities have adequate and ample time to comment on the proposed plan. The local community has not been provided with information about the additional impacts of the proposed changes to Harbor Area transit plans.

Further, many of CeSPNC's stakeholders are Spanish speakers and those who lack internet access; the on-line forum will not directly address their concerns.

2. Taking into consideration special Harbor Area impacts on public transit:
 - A. Construction of over 3000+ apartments and houses built with variance and density bonuses that will cause a much higher demand for fast, efficient and reliable local transit;
 - B. The modernization of San Pedro High School which will result in the elimination of much of the previous on-site parking, and which will increase the traffic impacts on local feeder streets to the school;
 - C. The Rancho San Pedro re-development project that adds increased density to Central's downtown area where many residents rely on public transit;
 - D. The potential traffic gridlock resulting from the construction of the San Pedro Public Market at Ports O'Call which will greatly increase the traffic to and from the proposed development, combined with an increase in container truck and

Cruise terminal traffic as the economy grows.

The CeSPNC strongly urges Metro to re-evaluate its position on the rollout of the NextGen Plan EIR, and offer face-to-face

Public forums that, in the long run, will benefit our stakeholders in particular and the Harbor Area in general.