

February 24, 2011

SENT VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Mr. Curt Campion
City of Galt Community Development Department
495 Industrial Drive
Galt, CA 95632

Bicycle Transportation Plan 2011 (SAC201001386)

Dear Mr. Campion:

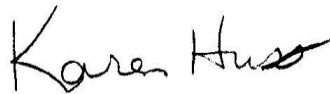
Thank you for providing the Galt Bicycle Transportation Plan 2011 (BTP) to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) for review. SMAQMD staff comments follow.

1. References to BTP sections that meet the required elements are appreciated (page 8).
2. If the class I off-street paths are going to be used for commuters as well as recreational users, SMAQMD recommends walkers on the left and biking on the right side of the pathway to minimize conflicts with bicycles and pedestrians, similar to the American River Bike Trail (page 13).
3. SMAQMD recommends the bike lane be 4 feet in addition to the gutter pan to reduce uneven pavement/gutter problems for bicyclists; which is slightly different than the example of a class II bike lane with gutter/no parking shown (page 14).
4. SMAQMD recommends the use of sharrows to mark class III bike routes (pages 15 and 40).
5. Bike parking should not include tube metal that is easy to cut through; wave bike racks shouldn't be used (inverted U is preferred) so bicyclists don't have to lift the bike to use the rack; and providing shelter for bike racks will encourage additional use (page 32).
6. Reverse angle parking is encouraged in the Old Town area (4th and C Streets), which is safer for bicyclists sharing the road (map, page 34).
7. Please describe how Policy 7-2 supports Goal 7 (page 38)?
8. SMAQMD commends Galt for including a Class I trail standard of 0.25 mile/1,000 residents.
9. Ensure that sharrows are not in the door zone of parked cars (example, page 51).
10. The SMAQMD is developing a bicycle parking program, which could be included in the Local and Regional Funding Sources section (page 61).

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Please contact me at 916-874-4881 or khuss@airquality.org if you have any questions regarding these comments. Questions regarding the SMAQMD bicycle parking program may be directed to Joseph Hurley at 916-874-2694.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Huss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

Karen Huss
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Land Use and Mobile Sources Division

Cc: Larry Robinson, SMAQMD
Joseph Hurley, SMAQMD