

Subject: Public Comment - ETAAC Report

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Dear Mr. Church:

I welcome the opportunity to comment on the ETAAC Report Discussion Draft, and I applaud this CARB/ETAAC effort. Having been actively involved in Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) development for 15 years I would like to focus my comments on the PRT write up in Appendix V: Background Status Report on Transportation Sector Solutions and Sources - C.2 pages 9-89, 90.

While I very much like seeing PRT included under "Transportation Sector Solutions" in general I think this is a rather light treatment with many inaccurate inferences. Rather than many line by line comments I have taken the liberty to rewrite the whole section. (See attachment) The differences will show readily if compared side by side with text in the report. I hope particularly that comments in what is now blank i.e. the "Problem" and "Solution" will be given consideration in the final report.

I would also hope that PRT could receive more emphasis in relation to Transit Oriented Development (TOD). Nothing in this report could do more to facilitate TOD than PRT. The reason is a drastic reduction in cost per station. A careful review of future PRT systems costs will show about a 10 fold increase in station locations for PRT versus conventional light rail for the same cost - hence a 10 fold increase in TOD opportunities.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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