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Subject: Article for CAC and TA Board

Dear TA Board and CAC Members,

I hope that you can take a few minutes to read the following NYT article. It details how LA and other cities are now rejecting highway widening projects that have long been proposed as a solution to "congestion." The article cites numerous widening projects that have failed to yield long-term congestion relief and have resulted in more cars on the road and incremental pollution.

Induced demand is real and we should expect that the widening of 101 and other highways will simply decrease demand for transit and active transportation, increasing GHG emissions and local air pollution.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/06/us/widen-highways-traffic.html>

Thanks,

Mike Swire
SMC CAC Member