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Subject: Re: Relocation Assistance Policy (Agenda Item C.27)

Hi Steve,

I would recommend adding a subparagraph to Section 1.5(c) - the definition of "comparable replacement dwelling" - to specify that replacements must meet a standard of comparable access to modes of transportation including, but not limited to, public transit. I would also recommend adding a subparagraph somewhere in Section 3.13 that specifies that if replacement housing with comparable access to transportation is not reasonably available, the payment calculation should include any additional costs of transportation (such as the costs of buying/owning a car, if the original housing is on a transit route but the replacement housing is not).

Hope that helps. Thanks for your interest in this.

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Subject: Relocation Assistance Policy (Agenda Item C.27)

Supervisors,

Item C.27 on your agenda for tomorrow (Tuesday, December 8, 2020) is the proposed adoption of a Relocation Assistance Policy for County projects which displace residents of affected properties. As you know, CRTP was a plaintiff in recent litigation over this issue as it related to a project formerly proposed by the County.

CRTP's interest in this issue arises from our concern for ensuring that any residents displaced by County actions have access to replacement housing with similar transportation characteristics. For many people, access to transit, walking and/or biking facilities which allow safe and convenient transportation to jobs and other key destinations is key to both quality of life and economic success. Differences in access to transportation can also result in significant differences in costs of living.

The Relocation Assistance Policy as currently drafted does not include any reference to transportation characteristics in its definition of "comparable replacement dwellings." I encourage you to include comparable transportation characteristics as a key component of replacement dwelling comparability before final adoption of the Policy.

Additionally, the currently proposed Policy does not appear to factor transportation costs into the assessment of the cost of replacement housing. I encourage you to amend the Policy to include these costs prior to adoption.

Thank you for your consideration.

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