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Morgan Hill City Council Workshop Sep 21, 2016

Item: local and regional transportation

A comment for Council and staff and a suggestion for staff.

Comment for Council and Staff:

When I addressed the Council on Sept 07, 2016, on the High Speed Rail update, I was concerned that the Community Working Group meetings were not advertised to the general public. At the Sept 20 HSR Business Forum, having Ms. Galli of HSR describe the CWG as the voice of our community, and having Mr. McKay repeatedly describe the members of the CWG as representing "the community", I am more than just concerned.

Of the 22 names on the Member Roster for the Gilroy/Morgan Hill Community Working Group as of August 10, 2016, Morgan Hill has six representing business and economic development, one for the builder community, and one from a service organization. These people are without a doubt an influential segment of the community, but certainly do not represent "the community". And as Mr. McKay ably demonstrated by describing how the members of the Downtown Association and Chamber of Commerce at the last CWG wanted their own meeting with HSR and City staff and HSR complied on Sept 20, being "in the room" is the way one is going to be heard.

I admire what Mr. McKay is doing for his interest group.

He does not represent me or some number of our residents.

You can start by revealing what the CWG "values exercise" concluded.

Morgan Hill Community Working Group

business and economic development

- * John Horner, President & CEO, Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce
 - * Raquel Crowell, Morgan Hill Downtown Association
 - * Ed Tewes, Morgan Hill Economic Blueprint Thought Leader
 - * Greg Sellers, Morgan Hill Economic Development Corporation
 - * Lesley Miles, Morgan Hill Downtown Association
 - * John McKay, Morgan Hill Planning Commission & Tourism Alliance Chair
- builder community
- * Dick Oliver, Morgan Hill General Plan Advisory Committee
- service organization
- * Theresa Kiernan, 2016-2017 Club President, Morgan Hill Rotary Club

Suggestion for Staff:

At the HSR Business Forum on Tuesday, Mr. Preston from HSR said that he has repeatedly told his management that better visuals are required, but that they are being held back so that effort is not wasted on unlikely alignments.

So City staff needs to step up and create some blowups of the Bailey to San Martin image, probably a box bounded by Cochrane, Monterey, Watsonville, and 101; one for the 101 alignment and one for Monterey. The presenter can toggle back and forth as questions address one or the other. It was incredibly confusing the HSR Business Forum to have words coming at me and not being able to see street names and the specific alignment.

