Peas and Carrots: Why Conservation and Smart Growth Go Together
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Lynne Andonian
Redwood City
Bay Area's Protected Open Spaces

Permanent Policy (strong)
Policy (weaker)
Legend

- **Regional Express Bus Program — Phase 1**
- **AC Transit Enhanced Bus — Oakland/San Leandro**
- **AC Transit Enhanced Bus — Hesperian/Foothill/MacArthur**
Map of Rail Improvements to Sacramento

Rail Projects:
1. Commuter Rail — Union City BART to San Jose
2. BART — Fremont to Warm Springs
3. Caltrain — upgrade and increased service (SF to Gilroy)
4. Muni Metro Central Subway — Chinatown extension
5. BART — Oakland Airport connector
6. Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) — increased service
7. VTA — Vasona Light Rail extension (downtown Campbell to Winchester Station)
SB 375: Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act

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MPOs must "gather and consider the best practically available scientific information regarding resource areas and farmland in the region"
Highlights:

• Growth contained in existing urban boundaries

• Housing and job growth focused in “Priority Development Areas”

• $320 million funding program to support PDAs
Highlights:

- Reference to Regional Advanced Mitigation Program (RAMP)
- Inclusion and call to update “Priority Conservation Areas”
- $10 million conservation grant program
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Natural Landscapes

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Top Most Layers:
- Priority Conservation Areas
- Protected Lands
- Urban Lands

[Map showing various areas with labels and legend for each layer]
Natural Resources

Agriculture

Recreation

Urban Greening