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Dear Planning Commission,

This letter is regarding the Vineyard Crossing project on Oakley Road. It consists of 71 single family homes and 70 Accessory Dwelling Units on just over 14 acres with included open space and pedestrian paths.

Effective July 1, 2020, throughout California, VMT has replaced LOS as the defining metric for all travel in CEQA analysis. This is a MAJOR policy change for the entire State. Now, we must include pedestrian and bicycle facilities in addition to routes for automobiles.

 East County's bicycle community desires to be assured that this development includes bicycle lanes on the adjacent segment of Oakley Road. Undoubtedly, this requirement is already in place.

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 Given the size of this development and the proximity to the Antioch eBART station, this development should be strongly encouraged if not required to build, or contribute to the building of, a path that allows pedestrians and bicyclists to easily travel from this development to the Antioch eBART station. The Union Pacific Railroad's MoCoCo line is between Oakley Road and the eBART station, but the construction of an at-grade crossing across this single set of tracks should present no problem because this railroad line is all but abandoned due to the fire that occurred at a trestle in Brentwood. We will leave it to the planners to determine the best route for this path. It appears from Google Maps that the south end of Willow Avenue might already cross these railroad tracks or be planned to do so. If that is the case, the path to the eBART station will be short and easy to build. East County's bicycle community desires to see such a connection constructed as part of this development, not at some far distant time in the future.

Thank you for your concern for the construction of facilities that assure all modes of transportation a place in our transportation corridors.

All best wishes,

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