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Policy CT-3f in the transportation section of the proposed Coastal Plan is insufficient to prevent increases in GHGs and VMTs. History has shown that this kind of language will be used to permit approval of projects that actually increase GHGs and VMTs. It will be impossible to predict if any of the auto traffic will be diverted to bicycles. Nor will it be possible to quantify in advance of project approval the amount of GHGs and VMTs avoided. It is doubtful that bicycle trails and facilities will be sufficient to eliminate increases in GHGs and VMTs.

It should be policy to provide these facilities quite independent of their effect on GHGs and VMTs.

If the County is serious about climate change (for which there is little tangible evidence), the County will simply prohibit projects that increase GHGs or VMTs.

Policy CT-3f: [Revise County Traffic Guidelines to require that traffic studies identify impacts to existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Consider development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities as mitigation measures for projects generating additional vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gas emission impacts. \(GP2020 REVISED\)](#)

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