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California Transportation Commission  
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Dear Commissioners:

I have been informed that you will be voting on March 29 to approve or deny funding for the Willits Highway 101 Bypass. This is a request from a long-time resident of Willits to deny the funding.

The proposed cost of this already-scaled-back project grew this week by another \$14 million, bringing the total cost to over \$250 million. And that's if the project construction encounters no additional problems. The elevated two-lane roadway will be built on pylons sunk into wetland sediment that, according CalTrans' report, may sink after settling, requiring a much larger expenditure of funds.

The bypass will not include an exit for traffic turning west on Highway 20, which goes to Highway One. Highway 20 traffic will not be able to use the bypass.

The City of Willits did a traffic study that determined that 70% of the traffic on Highway 101 in Willits was either local or turning onto Highway 20. So the \$250 million bypass will divert only 30% of the traffic.

Considering our state's huge deficits and cut backs, I hope you will deny this exorbitant expenditure of our state funds.

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