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I urge the Union City Council to do some research before over-extending city fiscal resources for an auto-dependent and environmentally destructive project.

Ask a consultant to advise you on how to make things work without the connector. You have good ideas being proposed by people fighting global warming and defending the quality of life in UC. For the station area, the study should include cash out, modern market parking charges, cash-out, fast/frequent/free short-distance shuttle service on the highest travel demand route needed to live without routine use of a car, and enhanced car rental/carshare/taxi/ ehaul shared-ride arrangements.

In particular, the SR 84 corridor can be auto-dependent or use transit. Dumbarton Rail has the highest potential for economic growth with sustainability. Similarly, BART to San Jose will work better than roads.

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