

November 24, 2014

Murry Wilson  
SLO County Dept. of Planning and Building  
San Luis Obispo, 93408  
[P66-railspur-comments@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:P66-railspur-comments@co.slo.ca.us)

Dear Mr. Murry Wilson,

Thank you for adding our comments to the public record on the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Extension Project.

We are uprail residents of Davis, California, and the proposed 80-car crude-oil train headed to the Santa Maria refinery 5 days a week will travel through Davis. We are concerned for a number of reasons.

**First is the cumulative impact of more trains.** For Davis, the SLO rail spur means a second daily train moving through our community if both this and the Valero Crude-by-rail project are approved. For Sacramento, it's the 5th train! This shift to crude-by-rail transport has to be taken into account from the borders of CA all the way to the refineries. We all live with the threat of more trains as California expects 25% of its crude to arrive by rail according to the CA Energy Commission projection. As the number and frequency of trains increases, the significant impacts multiply. No individual project stands alone.

**Second, the map prepared by the Office of Spill Prevention and Response reveals serious dangers for our state.** All three northern routes bring the oil trains over identified "**High Hazard Rail**" sections of track. These include coming south through Dunsmuir (the site of a terrible spill in 1991 that killed life in the Sacramento River for 35 miles), through the Feather River Canyon with long stretches of rail on high wooden trestles, and over the treacherous Donner Pass and just above Colfax. In addition, California has many **untrustworthy and old bridges** such as the Carquinas Bridge at Benicia, not built to carry 100 heavy tank cars regularly or ever. While the bridges were just recently scheduled to receive minimal safety inspections for the first time, there are no funds to repair or rebuild them. The map can be found at <http://bit.ly/OBR-page> .

**Third,** the same OSPR map reveals **Earthquake faults** that run just south of Davis along the rail stretch to Benicia, and along capitol corridor all the way to San Luis Obispo. Seismic instability is a reason to avoid oil train deliveries entirely in the region.

**Fourth, tar sands is the dirtiest of crude oils,** and the decision to import it for refining should be made at the state level, not by any single industry or refinery. Spills threaten to pollute our waterways and often cannot be cleaned up as the heavy bitumen sinks rapidly to the bottom. The refining process emits sulfur dioxide and other toxic chemicals which can cause serious health problems. The refining process also produces the by-product petcoke which is too toxic to be burned in the U.S., but it can be sold for burning in Asia. Tar sands produces more greenhouse gas emissions than conventional crude which exacerbates climate change.

**Fifth**, oil trains themselves **create Class I toxic air pollution** every mile they travel in California, including criteria pollutant emissions (**AQ.3**), toxic emissions (**AQ.5**) and GHG emissions (**AQ.6**) that exceed thresholds in many air quality management districts. This increase in air pollution is unacceptable, especially when it is likely the railroads will claim federal preemption to negate the possibility of any mitigations such as requiring more efficient train engines.

**Sixth**, Phillips 66, and UP and BNSF railroads have not offered proof of **sufficient liability** to cover a worst case scenario of accident or spill, or indeed, any scenario despite California's SB 861 enacted in June calling for safety measures and assurance of such liability. It should not rest on the communities, individuals, or government to bear the burden of paying for catastrophic accidents or spills.

**Seventh**, states across the country are experiencing **major disruptions to Amtrak and freight movement** as railroads are favoring crude oil transport over apples in Washington, grain in the Midwest, and people on Amtrak. We can't afford the disruption of services in California. That's food wasted when in Yolo County one in six people is experiencing food insecurity, and the livelihood of farmers is sacrificed for the profit of oil companies, railroads and refineries. The SLO supervisors have the power to keep Capitol Corridor running smoothly and on time.

Based on these seven serious concerns among others, we recommend that the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors reject the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Extension Project.

Thank you for allowing us to make comments.

Sincerely,

The various residents of Davis whose names and emails are attached (Scroll down 7 pages for 68 signatures.)

First and Last Name	Email/address	Resident of Davis
Dorothy Callison	dorothyandpaulca@gmail.com	yes
Sonya Brodt	brodtjb@ <del>web</del> yahoo.com	yes
Donald Schug	donschug@hotmail.com	yes
Milton Kalish	milton@miltonkalish.com	yes
Alvin Remmers	westof113@me.com	yes
Diane Remmers	westof113@me.com	yes
Diane Simon	simonzcz@sbcglobal.net	yes
Barry Bolden	olliebee57@gmail.com	yes
Margaret Algazi	malgazi@comcast.net	yes
Jean Miller	jm_miller@sbcglobal.net	yes

First and Last Name	Email/address	Resident of Davis
Bill WAGMAN	billwagman@dcn.org	✓
Eric Miller	jm-miller@sbcglobal.net	yes
Nancy T Price	nancytprice@39@gmail.com	yes
Don C Price	nancytprice31@gmail.com	yes
Yvonne Adcock	auntevon@hotmail.com	yes
Barbara R Burr	BRBIR@aol.com	yes
Susan Vogt	tsvogt@att.net	yes
Jewel Payne	jewel@dcn.org	yes
Carol B. Bass	cbgass@gmail.com	yes
Michael Bass	cbgass@gmail.com	yes

First and Last Name	Email/address	Resident of Davis
Judith Moores	je moores @ aol.com	yes
Robb Davis	robbathome@gmail.com	yes
Dale Haack	avro @ att.net	yes
Lynn Narlesky	omalsky@yahoo.com	yes
Lucille Hammes	snazzi:jazzi@att.net	yes
Jack Berger	dmbj8@sbcglobal.net	yes
Julie Sly	cyclinggirl6@gmail.com	yes
Ann Hubes	AnnH@dcn.org	yes
Russell Reagan	rsslr@yahoo.com	yes
Mark Attention		yes

First and Last Name	Email/address	Resident of Davis
Sherri Venezia	sher@omsoft.com	Yes
Judy Reynolds	jeffjudyn@gmail.com	Yes
Ellen Pontae	ep@dcn.org	Yes
Saskia Mills	Saskia@dcn.org	Yes
Pamela S. Nieberg	pnieberg@dcn.davis.ca.us	Yes
Leslie Crenna	lesliecrenna@gmail.com	Yes
Lew Fulton	lew.fulton@gmail.com	Yes
John Chendo	jac@dcn.org 530-758-3331	Yes
Hannah Stein	hannadstein@yahoo.com	Yes
Stephen Fass	stephenfass@yahoo.com	Yes

First and Last Name	Email/address	Resident of Davis
Betty Fass	stephenfass@yahoo.com	yes
Richard Livingston	rpianoman@gmail.com	yes
Rachel Livingston	rpianoman@gmail.com	yes
Nick Buxton	nicholasbuxton@gmail.com	yes
Juliette Beck	stpsiennaclearcutting@gmail.com	yes
Blayne Breckenridge	blaynebreckenridge@gmail.com	yes
Deanna Haack	avro@att.net 758-8122	yes
Elizabeth Fulton	lili.fulton@gmail.com	yes
Maureen Driscoll	markpun@mindspring.com	yes
Dona Stokes	des835@sbcglobal.net	yes

First and Last Name	Email/address	Resident of Davis
Tom Phillips	des835@slglobal.net	yes
Joycelyn Hart	jharte@dcn.org	yes
Dave Hart	davehart@dch.davis.ca.us	yes
Ian Hart	ian@ianhartart.com	yes
Tamsin Nutter	tamsinmeranda@yahoo.com	yes
Michael Harrington	michael@mikeharringtonlaw.com	yes
Sherri Sandberg	ssandberg@djust.net	yes
Christine Granger	cgranger@dcn.org	yes
Nancy Leroy	neleroy@saclink.csus.edu	yes
Sherman Stein	stein@math.ucdavis.edu	yes

8.12.04 55

First and Last Name	Email/address	Resident of Davis
Joseph K. Schreiblaner	srijozus@san.rr.com	yes
Marla Fee	marlafee@hotmail.com	yes
Frances Burke	frances_brk@yahoo.com	yes
Lynne Nittler	lnittler@sbcglobal.net	yes
Richard McAdam	richardcm@sbcglobal.net	yes
Cindy Anders	Cindy.h.anders@gmail.com	yes
Ray Valentine	ray@courtyards.com	yes
Richard Schultz	rschultz@sas.upenn.edu	yes

First and Last Name	Email/address	Resident of Davis
Elsa Ruiz-Duran	erd09@hotmail.com	Yes
Bernadette Balics	bbalics@cal.net	Yes
Robert Bakke	bakkerobert@comcast.net	Yes
Lily Roberts	bakkerobert@comcast.net	Yes
Rodney Robinson	rodneyr88@outlook.com	Yes
Andrew Anker	neleray@saclink.csus.edu	Yes
Gloria St John	gloria339@volcano.net	Yes
Kelly Nelson	nelsons@gmail.com	Yes
Wendy Nelson	nelsons@gmail.com	Yes
Hailey Nelson	nelsons@gmail.com	Yes