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**Route E  
officially  
rejected**

**SEBASTOPOL** — The City Council on Wednesday made official the death of the controversial Route E.

On a 3-2 vote, the council adopted an amendment removing from the Sebastopol general plan the proposed bypass of downtown that would have connected Highway 116 and Occidental Road.

The council voted without comment, presumably because members made their positions known when they introduced the amendment at their last meeting.

At that time, Councilman Bill Roventini outlined the objections to Route E that had generated loud opposition from many residents during Planning Commission hearings.

Fears of damage to Laguna de Santa Rosa wildlife, flooding, the project's cost and the potential condemnation of homes were among his concerns.

Joining Roventini in the opposition to the bypass were council members Gwen Anderson and Howard Reeser.

Mayor Tom Miller and Councilman Richard Johnson thought the plan should remain on the drawing board in case a future council wished to use it.

In a separate matter, the council approved a general plan amendment that removes some of the discouragements against commercial development outside the city's historic downtown core.