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Hello, I heard that Parking-Protected bike lanes on California Street will be discussed at today's meeting.

I am a Mountain View resident and bicyclist, and I must **oppose** parking-protected bicycle lanes. They are simple safety theater, and in actuality make bicycling less safe. Bicyclists are hidden behind a row of parked cars/trucks/SUVs, increasing the risk of right-hook crashes as drivers don't know you are there and don't expect you to be there. Likewise, a cyclist will have restricted awareness of cars traveling on the road, giving them little ability to predict or avoid turning cars that will suddenly appear in front of them. Even if a driver tries to do the right thing and carefully proceeds, there simply aren't good enough sight lines to tell if a cyclist is approaching until the turning vehicle is already entering the bike lane. At the speeds a bicycle can go this is simply not a safe design.

I ask you to reject parking-protected bicycle lanes and go with buffered bike lanes instead.

Thank you,
Matthew Mueller

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Mountain View City Council,
Please proceed with protected bike-lanes on California Street. Protected bike-lanes provide safer travel for bikes & pedestrians, more customers for local businesses, and less stressful car-driving without compromising car travel time.

Blaming individual drivers for accidents on lazily designed streets, is a transparent abandonment of city responsibility.

--Chad Brower