

Public Comment

Item 4.3

Shoreline Blvd. Interim Bus Lane

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Traffic Patterns Have Changed



Looking north on Highway 101 at Rengstorff Ave., 8:30 am.

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N. Shoreline Blvd., looking south and north, 9 am this morning.

Caltrain Parking Lot



Recommendation

- Pursue termination of the construction contract and defer redesign and rebidding the project.

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To: Members of the Mountain View City Council
From: Joel Dean, [REDACTED], MV
Re: 5/24/22 meeting agenda item 4.3 Shoreline Boulevard exclusive bus lane (Projects 16-58 and 18-43)

The following is to supplement my previous communications on this subject.

Northbound traffic counts (vehicles per hour) taken at Shoreline Gateway, mid-week AM peak

Approaching from: 101/85N Shoreline Total

2019 average	1225 51.5%	1154 48.5%	2379
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2022 4/19-21 & 4/26-28 average	1249 61.8%	772 38.2%	2021
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% change since 2019	+2.0%	-33.1%	-15.0%
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Note that about 19% of traffic approaching the gateway on Shoreline comes from 101 southbound. Thus, only about 31% of North Bayshore traffic is now coming from surface streets in Mountain View. Part of the reduction in traffic on Shoreline is due to a sharp decline in the number of U-turns at Terra Bella. Part may be due to Google employees taking the opportunity afforded by remote work to move farther away from Mountain View.

There is no congestion on Shoreline Boulevard, Middlefield Road, or Terra Bella Avenue. The small increase in freeway traffic generally does not result in congestion because the freeway exit gets a greater share of green time than it used to, and because there are fewer backups from Pear Avenue. What little congestion still occurs will be eliminated once the signal system recovers from its recent disaster. All this improvement comes without benefit from the Shoreline reversible bus lane, which never will be of any benefit to the public.

I recommend that the redesign of Project 16-58 include: (1) no bus lane; (2) no widening of Shoreline Boulevard; (3) no relocation of utilities; (4) 1 foot wide barriers between bike and traffic lanes; (5) setbacks between sidewalks and street wide enough to accommodate all signs, poles, hydrants and vaults; and (6) sidewalks greater than 6 feet wide to replace the current ones, which are damaged beyond salvation.

Thank you for your attention.