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Honorable Mayor Kamei and City Council Members,

I am very excited to see agenda item 4.9 on the Consent Calendar for this week's City Council meeting.

I encourage you to authorize funding to design a pilot for parking-protected bike lanes on California Ave between Showers and Ortega. This is a sensible first step in installing protected Bike lanes from the San Antonio Shopping Center to downtown.

Currently California Street is not comfortable to bike on because the bike lane is in the "door zone" of cars parked on a cyclist's right side and sometimes uncomfortably fast cars on the other. Reducing the number of lanes to make room for protected bike lanes while keeping parking for the high density housing along California Street will make a huge difference in safety and comfort along the corridor.

One note: reducing the number of lanes for just one block may be annoying to drivers because of the bottleneck effect it will cause in that one-block stretch. Eventually reducing the number of lanes along the whole corridor should be a smoother drive without the roadway getting wider and narrower along different stretches. When the City does is post-pilot Community outreach, I hope that is taken into consideration.

Thank you for all you do to make our beautiful city more bike-friendly!

Cherie Walkowiak



20 year MV resident and everyday cyclist

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Hello City Council,

Safe bike lanes and safe pedestrian street crossings are so important to improving active transportation in Mountain View, and thereby

- improving the quality of life and
- reducing vehicle traffic with its greenhouse gasses.

Please vote to proceed with the project
4.9 (California Street (West) Complete Street Improvements, Pilot, Project 21-40—Authorize Professional Services Agreement)

Regards,

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