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Dear Mayor Showalter and Members of the City Council:

I am writing regarding the Miramonte Avenue Improvements (Consent Calendar, Item 4.5). I am writing in my individual capacity.

While I support many of the elements of the project, I am very concerned about the dangerous situation the proposal to create a "Class IV bikeway (two-way separated bike lanes) on the east side of Miramonte Avenue between Hans Avenue and Castro Street in place of a Class II bike lane" will cause.

I live in the Cuesta Park neighborhood. I drive from Hans and make a right hand turn onto Miramonte multiple times each week, if not daily. I am very concerned that there will be an increase in the number of accidents involving bikes and cars if the change is implemented. Before making the right hand turn from Hans to Miramonte, one needs to keep a close eye on traffic coming from the left side, as well as making sure there are no pedestrians coming from the left or right. If bicycles are allowed to come from the right (if the bike lane allows two-way traffic), it will be very difficult for drivers to make a safe right hand turn. Cyclists may arrive quickly from the right and drivers must also be carefully monitoring traffic coming from the left at the same time. If you have a moment before the next Council meeting, it may be helpful for you to go to that intersection and envision the impact the change would have.

In addition, it is confusing when the vast majority of bike lanes are one way but a short stretch is two way. That is especially true when just around the corner on Castro, toward Graham, cyclists are only allowed to ride on the right side of the street.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Katie Zoglin