

From: [Simeon Frank](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Public Comment on 6.1 for 2/28/23 Meeting
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:15:04 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I can not attend the meeting due to personal obligations, but I would like to make the following public comment regarding item 6.1 Strategic Priorities and Work Plan Projects:

Greetings Council Members and Community,

The realization of the current priorities is unacceptable.

In the past year, a child was killed in Mountain View while riding a bicycle along El Camino.

In the past month, a pedestrian was killed in Mountain View while crossing El Camino.

Over these same times, many more pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists have been injured on our streets and roads.

Not only are these deaths and injuries utter tragedies, but they were also entirely preventable.

I should not need to remind the council and the community that preventable death in public places is unethical and unacceptable.

But here I am, writing a comment to the council.

The leaders of this community have committed to a vision zero policy on our streets, but the actions taken so far have been inadequate. Family members have lost loved ones. People have had their lives taken by unethical designs that put the speed and convenience of motorists above the safety of all street and road users. Designs that have been proven over and over again to be dangerous.

With all this being said, it's not too late. There are things the city can and must do to change course.

The city must put roadway and street safety work at the top of its priority list.

The city must focus on meeting objectives and not just making them.

The city must deliver the safe streets plans they have already made. The California Street rebuild, the El Camino rebuild, and all the rest.

The city must walk the talk by putting the funding where its mouth is on safe streets.

The city must build a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian network as soon as

possible.

The city must harden bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and not just paint lines. The city must create a system of slow, local streets that allow permeability for pedestrians and cyclists.

The city must abandon the piecemeal approach to safe streets infrastructure and commit to a binding Active Transportation Plan that requires all re-pavements and reworks of our streets to follow worldwide best practices in complete street design.

With the status quo, it is not a matter of if another child will die a preventable death in our streets, but when. The clock is ticking.

I urge the city to make real change by acting physically on the city's existing values and accelerating the delivery of safe streets city-wide.

Thank you for listening,
Simeon Frank, San Antonio Neighborhood City Resident

From: [Lada Adamic](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: public comment for agenda item 6.1
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:19:44 AM

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Dear City Council,

I write to urge you to prioritize pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements in your budgetary planning.

Recently the BPAC was presented with a list of projects that TDA3 and Active Transportation Improvement funding could be used for. Every single project was needed, but only a couple will actually be funded. How can one choose between improving a high-injury crossing (Grant/Sleeper) that is on the route to MVHS, and the segment of Rengstorff close to El Camino where many kids bike to LAHS but which has spotty bike lanes and bike/car conflicts, and Miramonte, which is used by many kids to reach Graham Middle School, and Dana Street, which is the sole bridge between the Sylvan Park neighborhood and their elementary (Landels) and middle school (Graham)? The list continues.

Mountain View's active transportation infrastructure has been improving and it has been wonderful to see a corresponding increase in walking and biking, making use of these improvements. People who are not encased in their cars are more likely to stop and interact with each other and with their surroundings (including businesses). Their transportation mode is sustainable. And they reap health benefits as well. Kids who walk or bike to school have a better ability to concentrate and learn. So investing in ped/bike infrastructure checks many boxes: business vitality, community building, recreation, sustainability, health.

However, I worry that if the city continues at the current pace, we might see more collisions as some improvements are realized (e.g. El Camino Real complete streets, California pilot project), drawing people to bike or walk, but some streets one would need to use to connect between the improved sections remain dangerous (e.g. Rengstorff). Since we have a finite number of streets, pushing now (by allocating more funding and staff time) to safe streets, could bring us to a walkable and bikeable city faster, while minimizing a dangerous period of high utilization of an incomplete network.

Thanks for reading!
Sincerely,

Lada Adamic

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Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

MVTC is writing to you to express our concerns about the lack of affordable child care options, inadequate maintenance of infrastructure, insufficient lighting and vigilance on the streets, and the need for more pedestrian crossings on Rengstorff ave, between Central and Middlefield Rd.

As residents of Mountain View, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of families with young children. However, affordable child care options are limited, making it difficult for working parents to balance their responsibilities at home and work. We urge you to prioritize the inclusion of affordable child care in your budget plans and to allocate funds for the construction of more child care centers in the city.

In addition, the condition of the infrastructure in Mountain View is deteriorating, which not only poses a risk to public safety but also affects the overall appearance of the city. We request that more attention be given to maintaining the roads, sidewalks, and public parks to ensure that they are safe and visually appealing.

Furthermore, the lack of adequate lighting and vigilance on the streets is concerning. The dimly lit streets are a safety hazard for pedestrians and motorists alike. We recommend that the council invest in better lighting infrastructure and increase the presence of police and security personnel in the area to deter crime and ensure the safety of residents.

Finally, we would like to emphasize the need for more pedestrian crossings on Rengstorff ave, between Central and Middlefield Rd. The current pedestrian crossings are limited and often not easily accessible, which poses a significant risk to pedestrians trying to cross the street. We urge you to install more pedestrian crossings in this area to ensure the safety of pedestrians and to encourage more foot traffic.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns. We trust that you will take appropriate action to address these issues and make Mountain View a better and safer place to live for all residents.

Sincerely,

MVTC



Mountain View Tenants Coalition

From: [John Scarboro](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: 6.1, Council Work Plan Development,
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Attachments: [PastedGraphic-2.pdf](#)

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Hello Mayor Hicks, Vice Mayor Showalter and all the additional members of the City Council,

I write to you today as a 20+ year resident of Mountain View, who would love to see our city be more sustainable, safe, inclusive, and equitable. I am also working with the Transportation Team of the Los Altos High School, PTSA, Sustainability Committee. My family includes two LAHS students who cycle to school most every day, as do I for meetings and events.

Regarding item 6.1, Council Work Plan Development, on tonight's agenda, I would like to prioritize certain activities over others. I support improvements in implementing transportation improvements for cyclists, particularly cyclists going to school, particularly going to Los Altos High School from areas north of El Camino Real.

Items E-3 and E-13 appear to support improving the Rengstorff corridor, which is a major route to LAHS from our communities north of El Camino (see map below with overlays linking these together). Many students ride this road from Monte Loma and Rex Manor, as well as the communities south of Central Expressway. Rengstorff has been listed as a high priority for improvement since at least the 2015 bicycle transportation plan update. Unfortunately, between central, and El Camino Real, it has disappearing bike lanes, poor surface quality (bumps, ragged pavement, etc.), confusing or absent markings and poor crossings for cyclists' safety. I support prioritizing the following in order to improve this vital route.

E-3. Complete El Camino bike and pedestrian improvements CIP ECR GR AMV

E-13. Complete resurfacing and bike and pedestrian improvements (as applicable) on 18 streets.

Further out, the plans envisioned in the following may help longer term (though plans must also have action):

A-6. Develop a City Active Transportation Plan

C-2. Bring the Local Road Safety/Vision Zero Action Plan to Council for adoption

C-9. Expand the Safe Routes to School program

I support the ability for people to continue living here, even if they are not wealthy. I support the following which appear to address these:

B-3 Implement Displacement Response Strategy actions

B-4 Strategy to facilitate low- and middle-income home ownership

A-3 Homelessness Response Strategy

A-13 Affordable housing development at the VTA Evelyn site

Mountain View has had a lot of housing built in the recent years. The vast majority of housing has been high end rental property and town houses that are out of reach for middle class residents. Much of this has involved converting older housing stock to these units. I know there have been efforts on reducing displacement and helping low income people survive here, but they are not enough.

Finally, in sustainability and climate resilience, I support the projects with a preference toward faster implementation. The faster we can implement these measures, the better our community will fare

with climate change.

Thank you for your consideration and work to make Mountain View better!

John Scarboro

From: [Albert Jeans](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Homelessness Strategy
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Attachments: [RV Survey 2023-02-28.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Hicks and City Councilmembers,

Mountain View's Safe Parking Lots were intended to help people transition from living in vehicles (notably RVs) to permanent housing and appear to be running at near capacity. I have not seen any figures on how successful the program has been at housing people. With the beginning of enforcement of the Narrow Streets Ordinance last year, I was wondering if the number of RVs on city streets was dropping, so I carried out my own informal survey this morning. The results are shown in the attached PDF file. I counted 120 RVs and trailers, close to the 118 I counted last October which omitted Ortega and Ednamary. If the Safe Parking Lots are indeed moving people to permanent housing, are more vehicle dwellers moving to Mountain View or more Mountain View residents becoming homeless? I think we can agree that people should not have to live in vehicles on public streets. I hope you will prioritize the Homelessness Response Strategy in the 2023-2025 Workplan as this issue affects the quality of life of all Mountain View residents.

Sincerely,
Albert Jeans



RV Survey **2/28/2023**

Mountain View

Street	# of RVs
East Terra Bella Ave	15
Linda Vista Ave	0
West Terra Bella Ave	5
Sierra Vista Ave	2
Plymouth St	0
Leghorn St	12
Independence Ave	9
Wyandotte St	13
Marine Way	3
Coast Ave	3
Casey Ave	14
Broderick Way	5
Terminal Blvd	4
Alta Ave	1
Space Park Way	3
Pear Ave	0
Pioneer Way	12
Yuba Dr	0
Stierlin Rd	3
Wright Ave	2
Polaris Ave	2
Gemini Ave	5
Mountain Shadows D	0
Ortega Ave	2
Ednamary Way	5
Total	120