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There would be no point in yanking this gift horse from the Consent Calendar right now. But when the time comes to pay for it or not, the question of what City staff will do with it must be addressed. Bikes and pedestrians on the Stevens Creek and Permanente trails are already counted twice a year as part of Trip Cap reporting. Those counts alone have not stirred up any efforts to mitigate the problems on the trails: disregard for the rules for trail use, and (at least on the SC Trail) unsafe design. The i8Labs devices have the advantage of obtaining speed data, which would only tell staff what we already know: the 15 MPH limit is routinely ignored. That information is useless if it does not result in action.

The obvious site for a sensor on the Permanente Trail is at the Charleston Road crossing. On the Stevens Creek Trail, a sensor or two at the 101 underpass would monitor a particularly hair-raising location.

Thank you for your attention.