

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 3:32 PM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Escuela Ave proposal
Attachments: img-160803135944-0001.pdf

From: Jeff Zell
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 5:06 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela Ave proposal

To Whom it May Concern,

I vehemently oppose the proposal to add bicycle lanes to Escuela Avenue. Any proposal that reduces the number of parking spots on the street adds more stress to an already impacted parking problem. And for what? 3 or 4 bicyclists that occasionally ride down Escuela?!? It's a waste of time, money, resources, and creates a greater burden on the residents already struggling to find parking daily.

Regards,

Jeff Zell

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 4:21 PM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Please do not remove any parking spaces on Escuela!

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Lou Jackson
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 11:33 AM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Please do not remove any parking spaces on Escuela!

Hello Mr. Cervantes,

I am concerned about resident safety and ask for your help please.

Although I can appreciate the benefit of the proposed bicycle improvements on Escuela, the removal of any parking would cause a severe hardship for residents who depend on the street parking near their apartment homes to be safe. I have lived at 426 Escuela for the past 6 years and my apartment has one assigned parking space in the under-building carport even though it is a two bedroom apartment. I am allowed one extra parking permit which lets me or my adult daughter park on apartment property but there is not enough space even for everyone who has a second permit. This necessitates parking on the street when arriving home early evening onward into the night and having to sometimes park several blocks away in a neighborhood that I feel is unsafe for a woman to be walking several blocks alone at night making one or two trips to the apartment carrying groceries etc. If the plans go forward and spaces are removed I worry that I may have to walk 6-8 blocks late at night instead of 1-3 because 16 other people will also be displaced. The crime rate and any number of men standing at street corners and on sidewalks near my apartment is alarming.

If you or someone in your office would drive down Escuela Ave and California St late at night you will see that the street parking is completely full.

When my apartment complex was built, I believe in the 1960s, and certainly had plans approved by the city of Mountain View for number of residents and parking spaces, families probably did not have as many cars. My family only had one car back then.

Is there a proposal for where those 17 Mountain View residents being displaced by the improvement will park if 17 spaces are removed?

Please consider their safety and the safety for me and my daughter and preserve the parking spaces.

Looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Jackson

Sent from my iPhone

Anderson, Eric - Planning

Subject: FW: Escuela Avenue

From: KATHRYNBROECKER
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 4:18 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Cc: kathrynbroecker
Subject: Escuela Avenue

Dear Mr. Cervantes,

This email is in response to your letter to the residents in the Escuela Avenue area. I am very disappointed to learn that the city will be proceeding with their plans to reduce the parking available on Escuela. I previously sent emails to two council members and met with Lenny Siegel regarding these plans.

When I was condo shopping 20+ years ago I told my realtor that it had to be Mountain View. There is so much I love about this city, it is vibrant and multi-cultural. I believe in (most) of the growth. What I don't understand is the magical thinking of the council members who seem to believe: more residents/more workers equals fewer cars and less traffic. It just doesn't make sense. I understand from my discussion with Mr. Siegel that it is believed if it becomes more bike friendly more people will bike. But that doesn't mean they will bike always nor does it mean everyone will bike! And it sure doesn't mean I will bike - I am 69 and have had one hip replaced with the other replacement in the near future. My husband is 82 and I can guarantee that he is NOT getting on a bike. It feels as though the seniors of this community are being ignored.

I understand that when a study was done by some transit group that they said there was plenty of parking available. LOL - I am pretty sure they don't live on Escuela or side streets! We recently had friends come to visit. He is 83 and in very poor health but wanted to make one last swing through the bay area to visit his friends. The day of their arrival I watched the street closely and as soon as there was a spot open I raced down to the parking garage and got my car and parked it on the street. When they arrived they called me, I went out and moved my car and they slid their car into the vacated space.

Recently my granddaughter and her friend were attending a concert at Shoreline and wanted to spend the night here afterwards. I had to get permission to allow her to park her car in the residents garage and had to make arrangements to get my garage door opener to her. I knew - and I was right - that there would be NO parking space available within many blocks late on a Saturday evening.

I could list endless examples of the parking problems we have in this neighborhood. We used to entertain often but find it has become very difficult because there is just no place to park.

If you or any of the council members actually lived in this neighborhood you would feel our pain.

Kathryn Broecker Mueller

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 9:53 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Escuela avenue bike lane question

From: Eric Hurkman
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2016 2:49 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela avenue bike lane question

Hi Joseph,

Is there any chance the city can move up at least restricting parking in the spots nearest to the exit ramp of the 1885 California Ave apartment building? (Maplewood)

There have been some large trucks/SUVs parking in front of the school and it's nearly impossible to see out of that steep ramp. This is even more dangerous now that school is starting again - even removing 2 or 3 parking spots to the left of the ramp exit would dramatically improve safety (not to mention everyone speeds on that segment of the road, in living in this building for 3 years I've almost been hit by oncoming traffic at least 10 times).

Additionally, the intersection of Escuela & El Camino - can you eliminate the street parking on the right side of the road (nearest the large commercial retail complex)? There has been a camper parked there for 2 years that blocks the entire right turn lane. During the school year, the segment of Escuela between El Camino & Latham backs up all the way to California St for people wanting to go left or right on El Camino. If the right lane were not permanently blocked the camper, people could turn right on reds — the signals on El Camino are such that there are long periods where there is no oncoming traffic.

Thank you

Anderson, Eric - Planning

Subject: FW: Escuela Avenue - Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements COMMENT

From: C Mueller _____
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2016 10:43 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela Avenue - Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements COMMENT

Dear Mr. Cervantes:

I received your Escuela Avenue – Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements plan.

I have lived at Mt Vernon Court Condos for 36 years. We already have such a bad parking problem on Escuela, Mt Vernon and Gamel Way that it is a safety issue at night. People who do not live at Mt Vernon Court are parking in our private parking lots already so when an owner arrives home late we can't even park in our own lot. We have even had teachers ask to rent our underground parking places.

If you remove the 17 parking places on Escuela it will create more chaos. You seem to think this is just a little inconvenience but the parking places on Escuela, Mt Vernon, Gamel and even Latham are used 4 times a day as follows:

- (1) Morning: Parking is used in the morning to take children to school. Because of the traffic pattern Castro School doesn't have drop offs that allow children to exit quickly so more children can be dropped off. Parents instead park their cars and walk their children to school thereby filling private parking lots on Escuela, Mt Vernon, and Gamel, and Latham.
- (2) Lunch time: We have the same parking issue when parents pickup their children after kindergarten and day care end.
- (3) After school until about 4:30-5pm: We have the same parking problem when children are picked up at the end of the day and when parents remain to volunteer.
- (4) At night when the residents require parking.

Parents are parking in our private lots during all three pickup times and they speed in and out of Mt Vernon Court.

God forbid there is a night meeting at the school. One night I was saying goodbye to a friend. In 20 minutes we counted 27 cars SPEED into Mt Vernon Court, pull a U-turn at the end, and speed out after they found no parking on the street or in the lots because the parents had already taken the available parking in our private lots.

It seems to me it is absolutely unconscionable to remove 17 parking places that are used 4 times a day for the sake of bike lanes. You do not even have bike lanes on Villa why do you need them on Escuela??
Do you really have enough bikes going down Escuela to inconvenience that many people??

By the way, some bicyclists have already stated they only feel safe on the sidewalks. They are not going to use the bike paths.

C Mueller

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 8:34 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: In support of Biking Improvements on Escuela

From: Dan Smolkin [
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 10:26 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: In support of Biking Improvements on Escuela

Mr. Cervantes -

(Responding from a notification sent to my neighborhood list - Shoreline West Association of Neighbors).

Since I will not be able to attend the meeting on Thursday, September 8, I'm writing to express my general support biking and pedestrian improvements along the corridor. If possible to see a copy of the plans, I would appreciate it so I can provide further comment.

Regards,

Dan Smolkin
Mountain View Resident (California Ave between Chiquita and Escuela)

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Daniel Smolkin

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 8:13 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Parking Problem on Escuela Ave.

From: E Mueller
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 9:41 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Parking Problem on Escuela Ave.

Dear Mr. Cervantes:

Escuela Avenue -- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements plan.

I live at Mt Vernon Court Condos. We have had a parking problem on Escuela, Mt Vernon, Gamel and even Latham for 5 or 6 years.

I am a teacher at Mountain View Whisman School District and work late most nights preparing for my classes. I often arrive home and can't get a parking place so I have to park on Escuela. I would have parked in the school lot but the sign indicates you must remove your car by 5am and even I do not go to school that early. I do not want my car towed. ***If there are any parking spots eliminated life will be harder for myself and the residents on our streets.***

I have a dance class on Fridays that ends at 11pm-midnight. When I arrive home on Fridays and can't find a parking place in our lots/street, I have to wake up my 69 year old mother, make her dress, and go with me to park the car a block or two away, and walk home. She is happy to do it because we both know women have been raped on Escuela, my next door neighbor saw a man walking down Escuela once bleeding from being stabbed and a policeman told my mother drugs were being sold at night at Castro school. As I said, my mother is happy to keep me safe but why does she have to? and **WHY** are you getting rid of 17 parking places that will only make the problem worse.

Call the MVPD if you do not believe there is a safety issue in this area.

In a small community with such a high population each parking spot is important. At least a hundred people would be negatively affected by this decision. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE 17 PARKING PLACES.**

Please email me if you have any questions.

Erika Mueller

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 1:23 PM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: bike and pedestrian project

From: April Murphy
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 11:38 AM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: bike and pedestrian project

I'm sure you are already receiving opinions from the public but you are probably going to have outrage over the removal of more parking. People already park 2 blocks or more from the school and removing the parking available on the street will be difficult. Of course, with a safer bike route I would be more inclined to bike with my children. It's a tough problem! Thanks for tackling it!

Regards,
April Murphy

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 8:25 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Escuela Parking

-----Original Message-----

From: Conner Dubay
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 9:29 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela Parking

Hi Joseph,

I received a letter in the mail about the proposed biking facilities on Escuela Avenue. I'm sure MANY people are very upset about this. Every single spot on the street and side streets are filled every night. I do not have a parking spot with my apartment complex, and it's a battle every night to find parking. About once a week, I have to walk about 10 minutes from my spot to my apartment because I have to park that far. I'm sure everybody else has the same problem as me. I'm sure if this proposal goes through, it will be much worse for us without assigned parking spots.

Thank you for listening.

Conner Dubay
ConnerDubayDesigns.com

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 8:18 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Escuela Street Parking

-----Original Message-----

From: Spencer
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 10:08 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela Street Parking

Hi Joseph,

I have strong concerns about the proposed bicycle lanes and bulb crosswalks planned for Escuela Ave. I'm really worried that this will make it impossible to find any parking near my home. It is already very difficult to find parking and now the city has allowed multiple new apartments to be built near by and if the bike lanes and bulb crosswalks are put in it will be extremely difficult to park anywhere near my home.

I'm all for improving bike safety, I also commute to work on my bike, but I don't think this extreme measure is needed. I haven't felt it was needed on this road either. I would much rather see money spent on improved lighting or police so that our cars aren't broken into as much.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Spencer Jensen

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 8:18 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Escuela Ave. City Improvement Project

From: Rachel Daetwyler
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 10:17 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela Ave. City Improvement Project

Joseph,

I would just like to voice my opinion, as a resident on Escuela, that I do not want bike lanes and more elaborate crosswalks put in if it means sacrificing the much needed street parking.

Parking is already difficult to find in the evening when everyone comes home. By removing all of the parking on the east side of the road and potentially some of the parking on the west side of the road due to the crosswalks it will make parking and coming home in the evening even more difficult.

If the city truly feels like bike lanes and cross walks are a necessity for the safety of this street I ask that the school parking be open to the public.

Please do not take away our parking!

~Rachel

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 1:10 PM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Escuela Street Parking

From: Moshtagh, Thalia
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 1:07 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela Street Parking

Dear Joseph,

I was recently notified of the proposition to eliminate a stretch of street parking available on Escuela Ave. in order to make way for a new bike lane. I only recently moved into an apartment on this street, and availability of street parking has already proved to be a tricky situation for myself, and for any guests I may have visit.

Originally, what appeared to be ample street parking had been a huge benefit of the location, and part of the reason I was excited to move there. However, within the past several weeks, it has been made obvious how difficult it can be (depending on the time of day, especially) to find street parking on Escuela. I have had guests park several blocks away from my apartment at times, simply because street parking is already so tight - I worry that taking away several street parking locations will seriously exacerbate the problem, especially since many of those who park on Escuela park there out of necessity, not out of convenience.

In nearby neighborhoods, I have had friends get their cars broken into, burgled, damaged, and/or vandalized simply because they were forced to park a significant distance from their home; and while I know that the area around Escuela is generally safe, I worry that being so far from ones vehicle could make the possibility of damage or theft much more likely.

I live very close to my work, I frequently use public transportation, and entirely value the movement to ride bikes, walk, and use more responsible means of transportation - not only to reduce our carbon footprint, but for many benefits such as less congested streets, and a far more pleasant, healthy place to live. The fact remains, however, that I hardly ever see bicyclists on Escuela, and there are bike lanes on the streets nearby and parallel to Escuela, so bicyclists do not seem to pose as much of a need as those few parking spots do.

I trust that I am not the only person who has voiced such observations or concerns, and sincerely hope you reconsider following through with this proposition. Thank you.

Thalia S. Moshtagh, M.Ed.
Geometry, Algebra 2
Los Altos High School

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 8:26 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Bike lanes on Escuela Ave

From: PAM CAMPBELL
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 8:30 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Bike lanes on Escuela Ave

Good evening,

I will not be able to attend the meeting on the 8th of September regarding the bike lanes on Escuela.

There is not enough parking now and the city wants to take away 17 spaces!?!?! This is outrageous. Who thought up this plan....have they even visited the area to see what is going on??? DO NOT PUT A CROSS WALK AT MOUNT VERNON CRT....PARENTS MAKE U-TURNS AND DRIVE HORRIBLY TO GET THEIR KIDS TO SCHOOL. I have to go up a steep driveway from the garage quickly to get out of my condo parking space and I cannot tell you how many times I have almost hit someone cause they are making u-turns or double parking. The ones at California and Gamel are adequate for safety reasons.

I live on Mount Vernon Ct and between the owners/residents the street is full without adding additional people who cannot park on Escuela. I see individuals park in the court then go to the school and apartments on California. I know the court is not exclusive to the residents but this put an additional hardship on us. There are multiple residents with multiple cars with only one parking slot, having people from the school, other apartment buildings, etc will cause a large problem.

I understand MV wants safe bike lanes but imposing this will not be safe. Please rethink this plan. Maybe a parking garage at the school? There is way way too much apartment/condo building going on in MV without really thinking about parking or the mess that this has caused on the road or commute. Traffic has gotten horrible. What use to take 5 minutes now take 10-15 minutes!

Pam Campbell

Mtn View

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 5:08 PM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED ON ESCUELA AVE

From: Birgit Sauer
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 4:55 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED ON ESCUELA AVE

Hi Mr. Cervantes

I would like to take a minute to say that I'm happy to see these much needed improvements get proposed! Escuela is supposed to be a bike way through the area, but due to the narrow street with parking on both sides, it's very rarely the route of choice. That's a little crazy for the street the neighborhood elementary school is on! And while the lack of cross walks might be ok on another street, the extra 1/2 block is a big detour for young kids walking to school.

I'm unfortunately not able to attend Thursday's meeting on the improvements proposed to Escuela Ave and will look forward to any meeting summary/notes that get published.

Thank you

Birgit Werner
Mountain View Ave

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 8:27 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Escuela street parking

-----Original Message-----

From: Hooper
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 9:32 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela street parking

Hello Joseph,

It was brought to my attention that there are proposed parking constrictions on Escuela Ave. in Mountain View. This project would be devastating to the residents in our neighborhood. Parking is already hard enough to find for residents and we barely have space for guests to visit. Anyone with a typical 9-5 job has to struggle to find parking. Please reconsider, as I know many other locals have the same concerns. Thank you.

- Hooper Razi

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 8:27 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Escuela Ave.

From: Nadia Moshtagh
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 9:35 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela Ave.

Dear Mr. Cervantes,

My sister is a resident on Escuela Ave. in Mountain View and has informed me of the proposed project to limit parking along her street. As a frequent visitor at her home, I can attest to the fact that street parking is already sparse in the area. It is difficult for the residents to park as it is, let alone guests. I urge you to reconsider a project that would affect so many people. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nadia Moshtagh

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Nadia Moshtagh
English and AVID Teacher
Foothill High School

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 8:42 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Phone Call RE: Escuela Ave. Improvements
Attachments: !! Comment And Changes RE Escuela Ave. Improvements.zip

From: M - R D
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 8:34 AM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: RE: Phone Call RE: Escuela Ave. Improvements

RE: 591, 593, and 595 Escuela Avenue; 1886 and 1878 Latham Street
APN: 15422034

Hello Mr. Joseph Cervantes,

Thank you for sending the letter. The Proposed Plan, per attached document and pictures showing existing driveway curb ramps, needs to maintain current driveway access to the building of no less than what currently exists.

1. There is a 40 foot driveway access ramp across the sidewalk on Escuela Avenue, the minimum for access to the parking spaces.
2. There is a 20 foot driveway access ramp across the sidewalk on Latham. Note that none is shown to exist on the excerpt of the attached Proposed Plan diagram where all the street parking on the North side of Latham East of Escuela Ave. has been eliminated. Have this plan and diagram revised to include this driveway access ramp of the current width.

Your cooperation and attention to this issue is appreciated, thank you.

Richard Dairiki, Mamie Dairiki, Property Owner

From: Joseph.Cervantes@mountainview.gov
To: pip1596@outlook.com
Subject: RE: Phone Call RE: Escuela Ave. Improvements
Date: Fri, 2 Sep 2016 21:19:07 +0000

Hi Richard,

Please see the attached letter and let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Joseph

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cherie Walkowiak
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 10:48 PM
To: Solomon, Jacqueline; Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: Escuela project

Hi Jacqueline and Eric,

Thanks for a great presentation tonight of the potential project on Escuela.

I didn't get a chance to express comments once the questions session was over, but Safe Mountain View is very supportive of the project.

I have a question and some ideas about parking.

Question: Do you know how many parking spots (including assigned spots in garages) are in the project area and within 1/4 mile of it? Knowing the percentage of parking removal within a 5-minute walk is critical. It'll give us advocates an idea of whether we're asking too much, or whether the percentage is actually not as severe as it seems.

FYI: My husband and I rented a condo on Mountain Vernon Court many years ago. I know there is one parking spot assigned underground per unit, plus enough extra spots for almost all units (if not all) to have an additional car. I understand that might not be the case for the units on Gemel Way.

Ideas: The Cost Plus parking lot was mentioned at the meeting tonight. I don't remember anybody mentioning the three parking lots at the corner of Escuela and Latham, or the two churches on Escuela. Do you know if any of those lots allow overnight parking? If not, could they? One or two of those lots would more than make up the 17 lost spots. Many of the stores on the three corners at Latham and Escuela don't open until at least 10am, so would work better for residents than parking in the school lots and vacating by 5am. And I imagine (though can't say with certainty) that the church lot must be vacant much of the week.

Thank you for any information!
Cherie Walkowiak
Founding Member
<http://www.safemountainview.org/>

Anderson, Eric - Planning

From: Cervantes, Joseph
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 8:19 AM
To: Anderson, Eric - Planning
Subject: FW: Escuela Ave. bike lane project proposal

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Lane ' _____ |
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2016 10:11 PM
To: Cervantes, Joseph
Subject: Escuela Ave. bike lane project proposal

Hi Joseph,

I wasn't able to catch most of the public comment meeting at the Mountain View Senior Center last week regarding the proposed project to add bike lanes to Escuela Ave. between Latham and California.

I had one suggestion that I didn't see mentioned or proposed anywhere. There seemed to be a lot of angst from the residents near that area regarding the loss of parking spaces from this project. What if Escuela Ave. was changed into a one-way street? The extra lane width could be used to provide the necessary bike lanes without removing the existing parking, and it would serve to calm down the traffic directly in front on the school. The flow could be from Latham towards California in order to tie into the Castro school improved drop-off zone.

Let me know what you think, I think this would solve some of the problems people raised. FYI, one of my sons goes to Mistral and our other son goes to Learning Links daycare right beside the Senior Center, so we are in that area every day for drop off and pick up - we would love it if there was a safe way for us to bike to school with our boys rather than having to drive the car.

Please let me know if there's anything else I can do to support the project, thanks.

- Thanks, Steve