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To: Mountain View City Council
From: Joel Dean, [REDACTED] MV
Re: CIP bicycle and pedestrian projects

After reviewing the list of active bicycle and pedestrian projects in the Capital Improvement Program, I have the following comments.

El Camino resurfacing: Nag Caltrans into prohibiting right on red, but nothing can ever make this a safe intersection for pedestrians and cyclists. Develop alternative routes for them.

Shoreline/Villa: The protected left phase will be a great improvement. A walkway on the west side of the overpass would be greater still.

Shoreline Blvd. bike/ped bridge over US101: A far-off and very expensive project which may not be as successful as hoped. The preliminary design indicates it will be almost 1000' longer than the existing sidewalk between Terra Bella and Pear Avenues. 20' of bike lanes and a 6' pedestrian lane will operate as 26' of bike lanes if they are not separated by physical barriers. DPW proposes a flyover of Shoreline at La Avenida to accommodate a movement which almost nobody makes, while doing nothing like it at Terra Bella, where bike and foot traffic is much heavier. The existing configuration forces cyclists and pedestrians to cross two freeway entrances on the east and one gaping entrance/exit on the west. Caltrans could mitigate these hazards by adding prominent warnings to their metering light installations when a pedestrian is in a crosswalk. Reconfiguration of the 101/85 northbound exit will add one more patch of quicksand if right on red is not prohibited at La Avenida. Fehr & Peers' contribution to the Google Framework Master Plan included a suggestion that right turns be allowed from two lanes of southbound Shoreline to the aforementioned gaping southbound freeway entrance. That would be a pedestrian- and cyclist-killer -- masterful indeed.

Stierlin Road: Very much needed, especially a protected left signal phase for walkers and bikers to cross Shoreline, who will increase in numbers as housing in this neighborhood gets denser.

Transit Center grade separation: This is overkill. Full closure of Castro at Central Expressway, prohibition of right on red, and a so-called "scramble" phase, in which motor vehicle traffic in all directions is stopped, would accomplish as much without tunneling. The project would replace a level bike/ped crossing having unlimited visibility and decent mode separation with ramps feeding unseparated bikes and pedestrians into a central concourse from three directions. Bicyclists will supposedly be 'encouraged' to dismount. Who is foolish enough to think that will happen?

Project 21-37 (Walkway on east side of Shoreline/Central Expressway overpass): The signs said this is a "Pedestrian Walkway". Since when did it become a "bicycle and pedestrian pathway"? Will this project morph it into a bikeway? Or a cycle track? If it includes intersecting the walkway with the ridiculous ramp from Evelyn Avenue to Shoreline, it is not an improvement but another insult to pedestrians.

Suggested projects pigeonholed by the City: Slalom gates on approaches to underpasses on the Stevens Creek Trail; prohibiting parking too close to dangerous intersections like Shoreline/Mountain Shadows; flashing beacons at unsignalized intersections with considerable pedestrian traffic like Middlefield/San Pierre.

Thank you for your attention.

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Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council,

Please consider adding more dedicated permanent Pickleball courts and more multi use Pickleball courts. It is a great sport gaining tremendous popularity. Everyone can play, families, old and young, have fun and exercise.

Rengstorff Park has 8 tennis courts. Cuesta Park has 12 tennis courts. They are mostly empty during weekdays. Please paint Pickleball lines to make some tennis courts multi use. One tennis court can usually fit 3-4 Pickleball courts. Many more can enjoy the recreational facilities which is the most efficient use of resources.

Thank you.

Sharon Lam, Mountain View resident