From: Cliff Chambers

To: City Council FORWARD

Cc: Lo, Ria; Whyte, Brandon

Subject: Item 4.5 Miramonte Ave Improvements

Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 1:01:39 PM

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Mayor Lucas and members of the City Council:

I am writing to applaud staff for being proactive in revising the Professional Services Agreement to improve bicycle safety especially Graham Middle School student commutes. The proposed Class IV two-way protected bikeway on the east side of Miramonte is a far superior option to the originally proposed bike lanes on both sides of the street that would require students to cross Miramonte twice or ride on the sidewalk. The bulbouts and LED-enhanced sidewalk crossing will also add to the safety improvements along this corridor.

I am very thankful for this forward thinking proactive active transportation planning in our City and urge your approval of this consent calendar item.

Sincerely,

Cliff Chambers Resident of Mountain View From: <u>Jeremy Hoffman</u>

To: <u>City Council FORWARD</u>; <u>Ramirez, Lucas</u>

Subject: 4/26 meeting: support Class IV separated bikeway on Miramonte

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Dear Council,

You don't need me to tell you how awesome bikes are. They're cleaner, safer, cheaper, quieter, and take up less space than cars. They make people healthy and happy and allow us to enjoy our beautiful neighborhoods and weather.

My son is almost four years old, and he loves biking. It makes me so proud... and so terrified. I wish I lived somewhere that made it safe for us to bike. Every day when I bike him to school along Rengstorff, I feel like I'm taking our lives in our hands, especially at the narrow Central Expressway intersection. (Hopefully the underpass under the train will eventually make that crossing safer.)

So I'm excited to hear that staff recommends upgrading the bike lane on Miramonte to be separated, rather than just some paint on the shoulder.

Last year I biked weekly from Rengstorff Park to the hospital area. I would have made good use of a fully safe bikeway on Miramonte.

I hope this is just the beginning for bikeways in Mountain View. YouTube channels like Not Just Bikes have opened my eyes to how a city can transform itself to be so lovely and inviting, if we just make a few changes to put bikes on even footing with cars.

Thanks and keep up the good work,

Jeremy Hoffman, now father of two little Mountain View residents

PS: it only just occurred to me that "miramonte" is Spanish for "mountain view"!