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To: Members of the Mountain View City Council
From: Joel Dean, [REDACTED], MV
Re: 5/10/22 meeting agenda item 4.8 -- Eminent domain, Shoreline Boulevard, Project 18-47

Here goes another \$100K down the drain -- on top of squandering \$4 million or so for 1/6 acre of sidewalk -- all for the sake of a project which is obsolete even before it is built. Since Google's hybrid office/remote work schedule kicked in, Shoreline Boulevard has been blessedly free of the peak-hour congestion that plagued it before the pandemic. The exclusive bus lane between the Caltrain station and North Bayshore will not save commuters the five minutes in the morning and less than one minute in the evening which was supposed to make them flock to mass transit. Its benefit/cost ratio will be the roundest of all numbers: 0.

Something may be salvaged from this fiasco if the sidewalks on both sides of Shoreline are reconstructed to a considerably higher standard than exists now or is envisaged in the planning for the bus lane -- 6' wide with no setbacks from the street and full of signs, hydrants, utility poles and vaults. The current condition of those four-million-dollar sidewalks is deplorable, as the attached photo albums show. Unless people who might consider commuting to North Bayshore on foot are offered something better, they will be discouraged from walking to work.

At the April 12 City Council meeting, commenters and Council members recognized that walkability and connectivity will be important to the success of the Alta affordable housing development on Terra Bella Avenue. That can't be achieved without better sidewalks on Shoreline. Staff gave a maybe-later response to this interest. The contrast between the frills lavished on out-of-town commuters and the lack of enthusiasm for something that might benefit Mountain View pedestrians is striking. "Equity" is supposed to be part of Mountain View's vision for the future. This is a good time to start making it happen. Later is too late.

Thank you for your attention.

SHORELINE BOULEVARD
MIDDLEFIELD – TERRA BELLA
EAST SIDE
SUNDAY 5/8/22 P.M.



NE Corner , Shoreline @ Middlefield

One ramp serves two crosswalks, neither aligned with ramp, forcing anyone using a wheeled device into the path of turning vehicles. Crosswalk paint almost worn out.



Shell south driveway. Good place to get run over by customers.



Shell north driveway

Another good place to get run over.



Between Shell station and Shoreline Square
Sidewalk narrows to ~6'. Excavation, vault,
utility boxes. signpost obstruct walkers.



Shoreline Square driveway. One more good place to get run over. Sidewalk ~6', not level, no setback.



Outside Shoreline Square, former home of two tall redwoods needlessly sacrificed. Sidewalk ~6', half obstructed, no setback.



Outside Wong Publishers.

Same 6' no-setback sidewalk, full of vaults and excavations.



Datavisor driveway. Vehicles have been observed turning left from Taco Bell driveway and accessing Datavisor by driving south in northbound bike lane. Same miserable sidewalk.



Datavisor to Taco Bell. Tilted sidewalk, plywood and flopped-over warning sign covering open excavation.



Taco Bell driveway.

Yet another good place to get run over. At least sidewalk is 3 slabs wide – but only one of them is level.



SE corner of Shoreline @ Terra Bella

Single ramp to accommodate wheelchairs, strollers, invasive cyclists, etc. , forcing them into the path of turning vehicles. Will probably get one of those yellow tactile plates, which are not much liked by sighted pedestrians using mobility assistive devices like canes and walkers.

SHORELINE BOULEVARD

MIDDLEFIELD - TERRA BELLA

WEST SIDE

SATURDAY 5/7/22 A.m.



NW corner Shoreline @ Middlefield outside Chevron station. Utility box obstructs pedestrians' and drivers' views



Chevron station south driveway
Good place to get run over by driver
anxious to exit station



Outside Chevron station -- Sidewalk 4 slabs wide so hydrant doesn't get in pedestrians' way. No setback from street.



Chevron station north driveway
Another good place to get run over
by vehicles exiting station



850 Shoreline -- Sidewalk narrows to 6', including curb; no setback. Pole obstructs pedestrians. Shrubbery obstructs view of drivers exiting property. Covering of recent excavation creates tripping hazard.



Outside 900 Shoreline
6' sidewalk, no setback
Another pole, another excavation



Approaching 1215 Terra Bella.
6' sidewalk, no setback. Hydrant, cones and
fencing around open excavation obstruct
pedestrians. Views from driveway also bad,



1215 Terra Bella driveway -- 6' sidewalk,
no setback. Good place to get run over.



SW corner of Shoreline at Terra Bella
6' sidewalks, no setbacks. Excavation.
Pedestrians squeezed by poles & utility box.



SW corner of Shoreline at Terra Bella facing south.



Pedestrians? Not so friendly.