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To: Hicks, Alison; Showalter, Pat; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Matichak, Lisa; Ramirez, Lucas; Ramos, Emily Ann
Cc: , City Clerk
Subject: re: 5/9/23 Meeting - Agenda Items 3.1 and 6.1
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Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

I will not be attend your meeting tomorrow but wanted to provide public comments on these two agenda items

re: Agenda Item 3.1 - CIP Projects

It is disappointing that the prioritization exercise does not seem to leverage the great work done by City Staff with Access MV
https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/transport/transportation_planning/default.asp#AccessMV:%20Mountain%20View's%20Comprehensive%20Modal%20Plan

That plan contains an objective, data and equity driven prioritization criteria that ranked most (if not all) the active transportation projects on your agenda tonight.

At a minimum, it would have been nice to see the Access MV priority scores next to the relevant project to help you in your prioritization efforts.

As a result, this CIP planning cycle is like its predecessors, active transportation projects moved up or down or sideways based on the whim of council members, advisory bodies or of the public.

I had one specific comment on this paragraph from the Staff report:

"El Camino Real/Escuela Avenue/El Monte Avenue Intersection Improvements—The \$2.4 million in OBAG funding is recommended to be added to El Camino Real Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, Project 22-29, increasing the project total to \$8.8 million. Project 22-29 is also being used to provide the City's share of funding for bike and pedestrian improvements that Caltrans is including in its upcoming repaving project."

While I'm glad the City got the OBA grant, I'd like to be sure it will be used for this specific intersection which is part of the El Monte Corridor Traffic Safety improvement project.

The allocation to Project 22-29 raises the risk that the funds might be used for other improvements on El Camino Real (maybe another intersection like Castro or simply to backfill any shortfalls on the upcoming repaving/bike lane project). Should that happen, this could delay even further the El Monte improvements, this would also go against the spirit and letter of the grant application (which highlighted the fact that Escuela was in the middle of the poorest US Census Districts in Mountain View).

re: Agenda Item 6.1 - Pedestrian Mall

I wanted to share my appreciation to City Staff for listening to my feedback.

1. No Dancing --> Yes Dancing but without dance floors
2. No Electric Heating -> Yes to electric hearing if/when it's cordless.
3. No Outdoor monetary transactions for retail parklets --> Yes to cordless payment devices on par with restaurants

Sincerely,

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From: [Cox, Robert](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comment on Item 6.1: Downtown Outdoor Patio and Sidewalk Café Program
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Mayor Hicks, Vice Mayor Showalter, and Members of the City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Item 6.1: Downtown Outdoor Patio and Sidewalk Café Program.

I appreciate that we are moving forward with program that brings us one step closer to a vibrant pedestrian mall in our city's historic retail and restaurant district. In particular, I welcome council's consideration of a small business building and façade grant program that will be made available to small businesses to improve signs, awnings, windows, doors, and exterior paint. I believe it would be useful for the city to do active and specific outreach to individual businesses in the historic district concerning this program. Specifically, the city could provide consulting on how best to use the available funds to get the most for the grant money and enhance our downtown businesses' properties to be consistent with the district's overall historic look and feel. I have been told that the City of Oakland made such consulting a part of its revitalization plan and that it was key their plan's success.

Thanks for considering my views.

Robert Cox

