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Subject: re: PRC 6/14/23 Meeting - Shoreline Boulevard Pathway Improvements, Project 21-37

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Dear Parks & Recs Commissioners :

While the staff report focuses a lot on trees, the proposed improvements to the pathway are much needed for ADA compliance but also for the comfort and enjoyment of its users.

The pictures in the staff report show that there is plenty of room for improving landscaping (small flowering bushes/plants, more ground covers to avoid dust and barren grounds).

One thing you should probably discuss is the impact of the proposed Evelyn Avenue Ramp as part of the Castro Grade Separation project. As depicted in the below figure, that new Ramp will add another intersection along Shoreline a mere few hundred feet from the Villa / Shoreline intersection. That intersection will be right in the middle of the pathway you will discuss next week. It's bound to make the separated pathway less safe, less efficient and less enjoyable (pathway users will need to wait in the middle of fumes for a green light). It's also not clear how the ramp will impact the trees you are planning to replant nor the existing trees along Evelyn.

I personally don't believe the ramp is necessary (especially given its costs), Evelyn traffic from the train station could easily flow onto Villa via Franklin and use the existing (and recently improved) Villa/Shoreline intersection. But at a minimum you should consider the ramp's impact on the pathway improvements.

multi-use path of the west side of Shoreline Boulevard.



Sincerely

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