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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

SPECIAL MEETING

February 24, 2021

Per the BPAC Meeting Agenda Notice of Public Participation during Videoconference Meetings, written comments should be emailed in advance of the meeting. The following is a list of the comments received prior to 4:00 PM, February 24, 2021.

Public Comments for Item 5: Receive an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick Strike Program development and provide input regarding the draft project list (Action)

1. Received: 2:36 PM, February 24, 2021

Dear C/CAG BPAC Members,

My name is Eric Wohlford and I am a bike advocate, pediatrician, and neighbor in the North Central Neighborhood of San Mateo. As you may know, North Central is one of the City's highest population density neighborhoods and one of its lowest income areas with high proportions of disadvantaged residents. I write to implore you to please prioritize improvements to Delaware Street near downtown San Mateo, a critical link for members of North Central to access downtown, Caltrain, and developments throughout the city. As you know, Delaware street is a main North/South bike thoroughfare through the city of San Mateo, and connects various cities in the Peninsula by different names (Dwight Road, Pacific Blvd, Old County Road, Stafford Street, etc.), eventually connecting to Middlefield Road and points south.

Despite being extensively used by cyclists of all stripes and income levels (data from Strava global heatmap and Streetlight will confirm), the blocks of Delaware Street near downtown San Mateo remain dangerous for cyclists. The main pain point on Delaware Street near downtown San Mateo is from 3rd to 4th Avenues before the dedicated bike lane picks up at 5th Ave going south. The block of Delaware from 3rd to 4th Ave is a key component to the City's Bike Master Plan 2020, recommended for a separated bike lane. Unfortunately the City of San Mateo does not have funds to implement this key improvement to the San Mateo bike network to keep our community safe.

I write to ask that you please prioritize funding a quick build of separated or buffered bike lanes on Delaware Street near downtown San Mateo from 1st to 5th Avenues, or at a minimum from 3rd to 4th Avenues. This area is perfect for a quick build as there are

currently two lanes of vehicle traffic in both directions, returning to one lane both north and south of this site. One lane of vehicle traffic would be easily repurposed into buffered bike lanes, making our biking community and the larger population safer, and prioritizing improvements for the most underserved among us.

Sincerely,

Eric M Wohlford, MD

2. Received: 3:06 PM, February 24, 2021

Hi Sean,

I'm a Complete Streets commissioner/Parents for Safe Routes advocate in Menlo Park. I am trying quickly to get up to speed on the projects proposed for the MTC grants and I'm curious about how the projects were scored.

I've been gearing up to advocate for improvements along the Coleman/Ringwood corridor, which has the following qualities and issues:

- critical link in the commute route between Caltrain and the M2/Facebook area.
- critical link for kids from EPA and Belle Haven walking/biking to Menlo-Atherton
- critical link for K-2 elementary school access.
- major commute route between downtown Menlo and the 101/Willow and 101/Marsh intersections. Average Daily Traffic on Ringwood
- bike lanes (Ringwood) that sometimes get used for on-street parking (even in places where signs clearly indicate no parking)
- a rough pathway on one side of the street (Ringwood) that serves pedestrians but isn't safe/wide/predictable enough.
- massive drainage issues that cause both pathway and bike lanes to be flooded during winter storms.

Because Ringwood passes through 3 separate jurisdictions over the course of less than a mile, it has thus far been a no-man's land for enforcement and improvements of any kind.

It sounds as though the project isn't being recommended tonight for this next round of grants.

I would love any insights into why, and what work we need to do in the next year to be better situated next time.

Thank you!

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