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**From:** EMILY MURPHY [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 10:56 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Traffic Hub?

I think the proposed plan to use the (former) fire Station #25 on Barneson Avenue as a SMPD Traffic Unit Substation is a good idea. Location is ideal for traffic routes. Also should be beneficial for traffic "issues" close by on Alameda de las Pulgas.

Emily Murphy

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**From:** arian kertz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 11:10 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD Traffic Hub

The new traffic hub at the former fire station #25 is a great idea. A lot of traffic especially with three schools within a few blocks.

A Kertz [REDACTED]

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**From:** Joe Osorio [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 2:17 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New traffic HUB

I think this HUB is a great idea. Great location to better serve the community.  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bret Weitman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 6:52 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** SMPD Traffic Hub

My wife and i would be in favor of the extra police in our neighborhood. The police being at Barnesson and Alameda is a good idea. The fire dept has not been there for it feels like a couple years and that past department has not been used for much except i believe storage for the fire department.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** BERND LIEBERGESELL [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 7:25 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Police station on Old fire house

Hello,

As a long time San Mateo resident, I think it is a great idea to use the facility.

It's a no brainer as it serves the residents quickly in all directions and with 92 so close by.

Thank you for sharing.  
Hope it will materialize  
Best,  
Annette Liebergesell  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Sarah Lee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 10:35 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD traffic hub

Hi!

What a wonderful idea. We would love to have the old firehouse (station #25) become the new SMPD's traffic unit substation! Please let us know when this will happen! Can't wait!!!

Thank you~

Sincerely,  
Sarah Le

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**From:** Linda Alloro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 5:58 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Substation

Hi,

I just so the flyer for adding a substation on the corner of Alameda. Yes, it's a great idea. Thank you for all you do.

Linda Alloro

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Michael Morgan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 7:58 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Barneson Traffic Ctr

We wholeheartedly support putting a centralized traffic unit at the old fire station on Barneson & Alameda! What a perfect location!  
Marie and Michael Morgan

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** John Schwarzkopf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 9:16 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD Traffic Hub

Thank you for your flyer regarding the possibility of converting the former fire station on Barneson Ave. to a SMPD Traffic Unit Substation. We live on Tilia Street, and would welcome the conversion.

John Schwarzkopf

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**From:** Julie Schmittziel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 9:32 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** SMPD traffic substation at fire station #25

Thanks to your department for letting us know the plans for establishing a new traffic hub. My husband and I live on Tilia St right around the corner, and we are very supportive of this plan. We look forward to welcoming SMPD to the neighborhood!

- Julie Schmittziel  
- Jason Ku  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** peace4six peace4six [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 9:59 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD traffic hub

Hi,

I saw on "Nextdoor" site that the SMPD is thinking of using the Fire Station #25 as a police hub!! I think that is an awesome idea.

Neighbor on Fairfax, San Mateo

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**THANK YOU SMPD FOR ALL YOU DO. IT IS TRULY NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

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**From:** DAN CERRI [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 11:49 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Police Substation at Barneson & Alameda - EXCELLENT IDEA

This is an excellent idea for utilization of old fire station at Barneson & Alameda. I see no down side to this proposal - only positives.

As Captain Picard would say, "Make it so!"

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Teri Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 12:51 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New traffic headquarters option

Regarding the option of using the fire station in Barneson: I live at intersection of Alameda and 20th. I think the rationale for this is logical. I would personally appreciate your presence here. I often hear revving engines with rapid starts and stops at the intersection. There is a lot of pedestrian traffic here, their safety concerns me. A couple of weeks ago 3 different vehicles with loud, but different engine sounds were making circuits for over an hour. Their circuits included the intersection here and I could hear them make a loop that seemed to go east, then bring them back here.

Regardless of the move decision, thank you for your service. I appreciate the work the department does and the sacrifices you make.

*Teri Allen*

*Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent  
if no birds sang except those that sang best. Henry Van Dyke*

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**From:** d.linden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 4:12 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Traffic substation

Nonnie Dinges just shared your letter on NextDoor re a traffic substation at the unoccupied Fire Station at Barneson and Alameda. The location does seem to be a great placement for a traffic unit. I hope it can be worked out. The neighborhood comments were mostly very positive. Good luck. Sincerely, Diana Linden

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**From:** Martin Diamond [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2024 11:48 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Converting former fire station #25 on Barneson Ave to SMPD Traffic Unit Substation

Thank you for dropping the brochure in my mailbox. My wife and I support your proposed use of this former Fire Station for a Traffic Unit Substation. If we were in a position to "condition" your use of this site, we would require that you direct a motorcycle officer to locate himself on Macarthur Avenue about fifty feet from the intersection of Woodlawn Drive sometime between the hours of 7 PM-11 PM at least once each month. Doing so, certainly would register with those drivers who turn the corner from Barneson onto Woodland Drive and then drive at an excessive speed until reaching the end of the block before breaking to enter Hillsborough.

Martin Diamond  
[REDACTED]

PS: I led the neighborhood effort to install the two speed humps on Barneson between Alameda des las Pulgas and Yew. It's made a huge positive difference. We greatly appreciated the support of the Police Department in making this happen.

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**From:** Paolo Caltagirone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2024 2:20 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD Traffic Hub @ Fire Station 25 Feedback

Hi there, just wanted to give our full support of converting the old Fire Station #25 on Barneson and Alameda into a SMPD Traffic Hub. Great reuse of City Property and will help keep the community safe.

Thanks,  
Paolo Caltagirone  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Wendy Parker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 6:28 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Traffic Sub Station

I think it's a great idea! My Mom lives at Portola/ Alameda, and a few times I have almost gotten hit by a car who went through the stop sign. Hopefully, you'll be able to hire more motorcycle police officers especially on 3rd and 4th Ave downtown. So many drivers when making a left or right to or from El Camino go through a red light. It's even scary being a pedestrian.

Thank you,  
WendyParker

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**From:** Duncan Moody [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 9:43 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Yes to use of former Fire Sta #25 Barneson/Alameda de las Pulgas as SMPD Substation

Hello,

I saw a flyer via NextDoor soliciting community input about SMPD using this location as a Traffic Substation.

YES! Great idea. This will provide better service to our community, and is an excellent strategic location for actions in any direction.

Thanks for getting the word out.

Duncan Moody  
Delmar Way

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**From:** Brian Kelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 28, 2024 10:13 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Traffic Hub plan for Station 25

I support the concept of repurposing of old Station 25 located at the corner of Alameda De Las Plugas to be used as the Traffic Unit substation, with one concern. What is going to be done about parking for the officers and staff that will be using this location.

I live at [REDACTED] and I am very concerned about the excessive speed on Alameda especially between Barneson and Aragon blvd.

Other than that I am very supportive of the concept of establishing the traffic unit substation at the location.

I would be willing to speak in support of this proposal, if desired.

*Brian M. Kelly*  
*Retired Fire Chief*

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**From:** Ryan Chow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 12:47 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD Traffic Hub

I know it's too late to get an official comment in, but we were traveling and didn't see the notice until today. We think it would be great to have the new traffic unit substation on Barneson!

Best,

Ryan Chow  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2024 10:56 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD Traffic Hub

Hello,

Thank you for allowing feedback on this matter.

Although it is always great to have a Police station close to your residence, I wonder how this might impact traffic. Will you be looking into the traffic implications before making a final decision?

Thank you, kindly,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Brian Pevear [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2024 7:53 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New Substation on Barneson

Hi there,

I received a flyer soliciting community feedback on the potential reuse of the Barneson Fire Station as a SMPD substation.

I live on Vernon Terrace....which is quite close to the Barneson/Alameda-de-las-Pulgas intersection. I have two kids - ages 11 and 14.

While I can see some advantages to having a station there (mainly access to 92), I do not support having a higher police presence at that location.

Crime vs Traffic - While San Mateo is not like San Francisco, I still would prefer our limited police resources to prioritize "crimes" vs traffic issues. Would having officers stationed up here deflect from having officers downtown, or near Hillsdale Mall, or other higher-crime areas? On a casual walk through the downtown area or the Hillsdale mall area on a Friday evening and it is easy to spot things that need attention - public drunkenness, solicitation (i.e. asking/begging for money), even people scouting parked cars for possible break-in opportunities or catalytic converters. As my kids become more independent, it is most important to me that they feel safe in the broader community. I really wish we would prosecute and *punish* people who commit crimes (burglary, retail theft, vandalism), especially when those crimes are 2nd, 3rd, 4th offenses. If we want to focus on traffic, please please please focus on the high speeds on ECR (82) and the running of red lights on that road. I believe it's a state road, but the fast and furious types are going to cause a tragedy there...I've seen many near misses.

Nuisance traffic and tickets for this community - my family and I travel through the 4-way intersection at Barneson/Alameda intersection several times per day. There is a natural flow to this busy intersection that keeps it tolerable even during high traffic periods (i.e. during school drop-off hours and around 5pm-ish). My feeling is that the presence of a police cruiser at the intersection will cause people to slow-down and possibly stop completely at the intersection, causing unnecessary slow downs or back ups. In my experience, traffic stress causes confusion and causes good people to bend the rules (i.e. not waiting their turn at a 4-way stop). I'm worried about the effect a parked cruiser would have on the daily traffic and excessive ticketing for people in this neighborhood.

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Sincere regards,

Brian Pevear

**Sherry Vega**

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**From:** Cindy Joe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 2:01 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD Traffic Hub - Request for details

Hi SMPD,

We received a flyer entitled, **New SMPD Traffic Hub** on our doorstep at [REDACTED] Is there any information you can share regarding this? I can't find anything online, only comments on [https://nextdoor.com/p/jrnS7ywYNCS-/c/1183467898?init\\_source=search&query=traffic%20hub%20barneson](https://nextdoor.com/p/jrnS7ywYNCS-/c/1183467898?init_source=search&query=traffic%20hub%20barneson).

Thanks for your help!

Cynthia Joe

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**From:** Michelle Mandel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024 10:12 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD Traffic Hub

Hello,

I live near the former Fire Station #25 on Barneson. I have a few questions about the proposal for a new traffic hub.

- What is a Traffic Unit Substation?
- How many patrol cars would be stationed at the hub?
- Does it operate 24/7?

My main concern is increased noise from police sirens and pedestrian safety in an already tricky intersection.

Thanks,

Michelle Mandel  
[REDACTED]



MICHELLE MANDEL  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Silvia Quinteros [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 4:44 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New Traffic Hub

Hello,

I am writing in response to the flyer circulated asking for commentary.

I was wondering what was to become of that building. While we all feel safer having the police nearby, I live directly across the street from former Fire Station #25 so naturally I am concerned with what this move will entail.

For example, how will this affect parking and traffic? Will there be police cars and motorcycles parked along Barneson? Will there be foot traffic and visitors also parking on Barneson?

I am sure you are aware, this is an extremely busy corner during commute times.

Please help me to understand how this will affect our neighborhood.

I wish you luck and hope that all works out for the best!

Warm regards,  
Silvia Quinteros  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Diana Robles [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 7:35 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** Comment: SMPD Traffic Hub on Barneson and Alameda

To Whom it May Concern,

I live in San Mateo one block north of the Barneson and Alameda intersection. This is a very busy intersection during weekdays, especially during high traffic times. I am opposed to the conversion of the former fire station into a SMPD traffic hub because I believe it will cause worsening traffic at this intersection. Already the existence of a 4-way stop with 6 lanes causes a lot of traffic congestion and difficulty for pedestrians. This is also a residential neighborhood on an already busy street. The additional noise from a police hub is very worrisome.

Thank you for requesting public commentary prior to proceeding with this conversion. Given the proximity to a high school and middle school, I would propose that this building be converted for community use that targets young people and families.

Sincerely,  
Diana Ceballos Robles, MD

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**From:** WILLIAM FONG [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 11:23 AM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Subject:** New SMPD Traffic Hub-Barneson Ave

Morning -

I've received a flyer yesterday soliciting comments regarding the proposed SMPD traffic hub on site of former fire station at Barneson Ave. As a resident of this community, I would like to share some immediate thoughts on this project.

First, it is difficult to form an opinion on the suitability of the proposed traffic hub without additional information as to the design, purpose and function of this new substation. Flyer included info on why site was ideal, but omitted important details on its potential impact to a mostly residential neighborhood. Issues such as noise and parking were not mentioned, nor was there any indication if existing building structure would be torn down, remodeled, or kept as is.

Having said that, I've lived in my residence for 7+ years and moved into this neighborhood due mostly to its family friendliness, including great schools, relative quietness, and charming homes. Without further insight into what a "traffic hub substation" entails, I am bothered by the potential impact it may have on an already busy intersection that is often filled with young students going to and from nearby Borel Middle, Aragon High and even possibly Baywood Elementary.

I imagine the activity level from a "traffic hub substation" would be much higher than that of a fire station, which makes this a questionable choice in terms of site selection. Although true that Alameda de las Pulgas is an important thoroughfare for the City of San Mateo, I wonder if El Camino Real may be better suited given it offers similar benefits (provides access north and south, and Hwy 92) while also located in a commercial corridor.

In fact, along Alameda de las Pulgas, the area north of Hwy 92 is made up of only residential homes, giving it a distinct neighborhood feel. This can be contrasted with the area south of Hwy 92, where a large commercial complex can be found. Although separated only by a highway, for someone who walks his dog on a daily basis to Borel Park, the uniqueness between these two neighborhoods is unmistakable.

At the risk of sounding like a NIMBY, I would like the City of San Mateo to reconsider the appropriateness of placing a police substation into the middle of a quiet residential neighborhood. I understand the benefits of this locale which is one of the big reasons I chose to buy a home in this area to begin with, but feel there might be better alternate sites that offer similar benefits without putting the character of a neighborhood and its school children at risk.

Your consideration of the above is greatly appreciated and I look forward to hearing more updates on the proposed new traffic hub.

Warmest regards,

The Fong Family

Residents of Barneson Avenue

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**From:** Breda Bahlert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 3:29 PM  
**To:** San Mateo Police Department  
**Cc:** Breda Bahlert  
**Subject:** PROPOSED SMPD TRAFFIC HUB

Hello Police Communication Team:

Today I received an insert on my door handle regarding the new San Mateo Police Department's Traffic Unit Substation. I realize the location of the former Fire Station #25 is "ideal" as mentioned; however, as a longtime homeowner since 1986 in the Aragon/Homestead neighborhood, I disagree.

This is a residential neighborhood and Fire Station #25 was a quiet station that always started their engine sirens after they left the area so as not to disturb the neighbors. Also, the firefighters parked their cars inside their gated parking area.

A Police Substation should be in a commercial part of the city. It will generate lots of additional traffic, parking, and noise for the residents here.

We currently have an enormous amount of congested daily Borel, Aragon and Baywood School traffic, jamming the Barneson/Hobart/Alameda del las Pulgas route and neighboring streets - with many parents commuting from Foster City and other locations to the neighborhood schools. It is dangerous and scary for the kids crossing the Alameda as well. Also, residents including myself must leave our homes early before 730am to try to navigate to 92 or to 280 to work and the same after 3pm.

These are my thoughts and concerns as a resident near the proposed Substation. Also, I appreciate our police officers, and one of my children, is a San Mateo Firefighter/Paramedic. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Breda Bahlert