

The following public comments were received
after 4pm deadline day of meeting.

From: Dan Provence [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 10:30 AM
To: Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission; Azalea Mitch; City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Please approve Humboldt Bike Lanes

Hi All,

I organize a group of four families to ride bikes to school with our elementary school aged children on Wednesdays. We're a pretty visible group, with 8 children and 4 adults. Other parents at our school have come up to talk with me about our biking school bus but unfortunately a lot of the conversation has been negative because San Mateo is not a comfortable place to ride a bike.

Many other parents won't ride bikes because they say that traffic is terrifying, freeway crossings are intimidating and drivers are impatient and aggressive. I've heard that they're comfortable riding in other cities like Palo Alto, where the city has addressed busy crossings and had created continuous bike routes and complete networks for people on bikes. The feelings about San Mateo's bike infrastructure are that our city is way behind.

I thought we were finally making progress as many of the projects in the Bike Plan have a lot of potential but this drawn out process is very frustrating. We need to see the actual changes put on the ground and the dragging of feet on this Humboldt project and others is very discouraging. We have plans (Bike Plan, Sustainable Streets Plan). We have policy (Vision Zero). What we don't have is action. Now is the time to do the following:

- Approve the Humboldt bike lanes and many others very soon
- Use quick and inexpensive materials like paint and plastic posts to get things in quickly
- Prioritize getting a complete bike network on the ground over doing a fancy project with expensive and time consuming concrete changes like bulb-outs and storm water treatment (that can come later).
- Don't leave people on bikes to fend for themselves in busy spots, even if it means someone with a car might get delayed a little bit.

Hopefully we'll get a lot of great changes in soon and we'll be able to add to the size of our bike school bus.

Dan Provence

From: Michelle Hudson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:52 PM
To: Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission
Subject: Letter from San Mateo Resident - North Central Bike Lanes Project

Dear Commissioners Narita, Loraine, Reyes, Robbins and Rowinsky,

Thank you for all of your wonderful service to our City on the Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission. I am writing to respectfully request that you implement the North Central bike lanes project without delay. As a mother of two school-aged kids who ride their bikes in our city, I worry about their safety on the roads. This project would be a great step forward in ensuring the safety of our children, and all residents, who ride bikes on our city's roads. In addition, the implementation of the project will encourage residents to abandon their greenhouse gas emitting vehicles in favor of climate friendly bikes, and we need every tool in the toolkit to fight climate change while there is still time to avert the worst impacts of climate change.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Partnership,
Michelle Hudson
Resident of San Mateo

From: Douglas Handerson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission
Subject: My Published Letter to the Daily Journal and a Request for Clarification

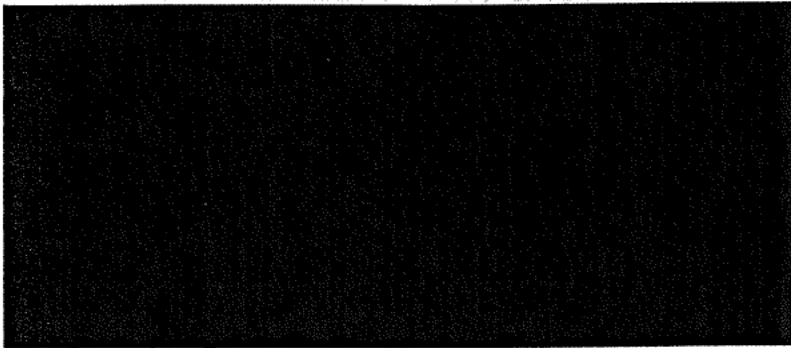
February 9, 2022
City Commissioners and Staff,

1) Below is my Letter to the Editor of the Daily Journal published yesterday (2.9.22) regarding tonight's meeting agenda item on the North Central Bike Lanes Project.

To maximize nearby parking capacity, my preferred solutions are striping parking stalls on nearby streets, a residential parking permit program, and funding for parking improvements and of monitoring by City staff of parking enforcement.

2) Please also clarify at tonight's meeting how the left turn pockets will be retained on Humboldt at Poplar when the bike lanes are added.

By accepting federal funds, San Mateo incurs related local costs



local costs

Editor,

https://www.smdailyjournal.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/by-accepting-federal-funds-san-mateo-incurs-related-local-costs/article_677f1fde-888b-11ec-b229-4fa457fb116d.html

Thank you,
Doug Handerson
[REDACTED]

To The Mayor of San Mateo
& the City Council Members

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As February 22nd, 2022 approaches, please think about the vote in regards to the Removal of Parking Spaces. How it will affect the residents of North Central on an everyday basis. The parking is very stressful to everyone who lives in this area now.

We ask you to remember how your High School days were as teenagers. These teenagers are not thinking about riding bikes to school, but having a job and purchasing a car. Which is what, I think a lot of you were trying to accomplish, as Juniors and Seniors in High School. But, it is hard for the parents to allow these students to purchase cars, if there is no where to park them

Should you be able to speak with some of the seniors in the neighborhood, some of the comments you will hear from them are:

They do not leave their homes after 12pm or 1pm, due to the fact they will not be able to find parking when they return.

Because some of them live alone, and they can not get out of their driveways, they will stay home. Because, they are to afraid to call the police on people who park in their driveways or block their driveways.

These are just some of the issues, the seniors are having.

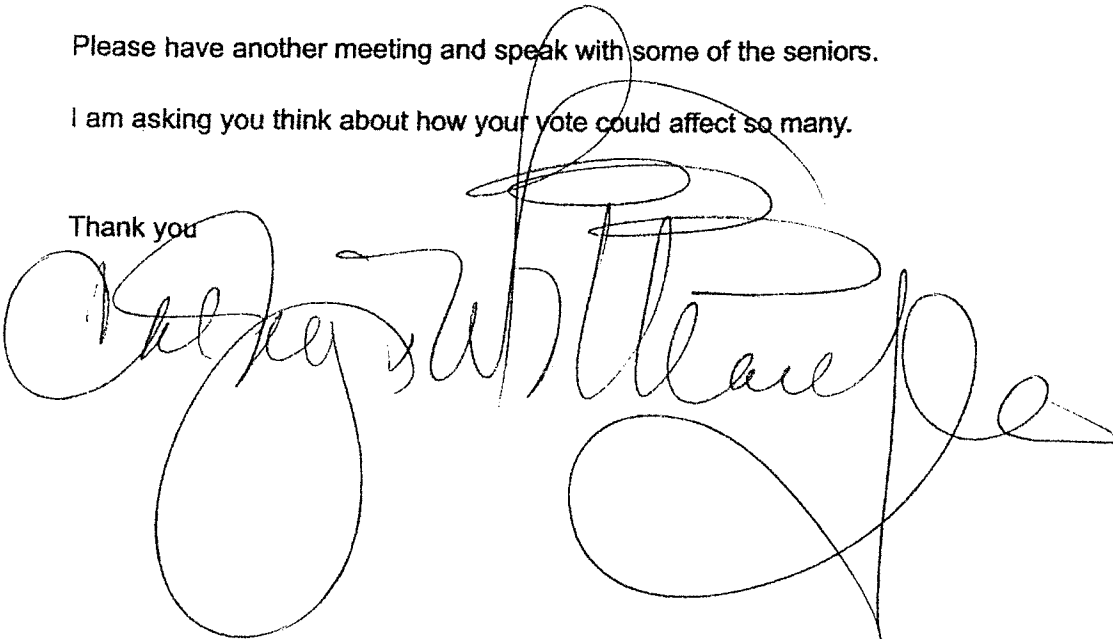
Not fair to the younger adults, whose parents will not allow them to purchase a car, due to no where to park.

Parents are afraid for their children, who work at restaurants or food establishments and get off from work at 11pm or 12am. They will have to ride around looking for a place to park, then park 4, 5 or even 6 blocks away. Besides, the raccoons out at night, they worry about what could happen to them, if they have to walk so far away from home. So, parents do not have cars or one parent is working, so no one can pick them up at that time of the morning.

Please have another meeting and speak with some of the seniors.

I am asking you think about how your vote could affect so many.

Thank you

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Cheryl S. Thayer". The signature is written over the "Thank you" text and extends across the bottom of the page.

From: Kia Holsey [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 5:02:15 PM

To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>; Amourence Lee <alee@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: North Central Bike Lane Project

Dear Council,

I write to oppose the bike lane project that would remove parking spaces in the North Central neighborhood. My parents live on the 300 Block of North Fremont Street. North Central is a densely populated neighborhood. Many residences have multiple cars associated with them, which already makes parking difficult at times. Additionally events at the King Center, San Mateo

High School, and College Park Elementary School, also have a significant impact on parking in the neighborhood at times.

Decreasing the parking spaces in the area would have a significant impact on the ability to visit the area and see my disabled parents. There have been times when I visit my parents and have to park on another street to do so. I can only image how much harder it would be if there was less parking. I am quite certain there are many families in the area that would also suffer due to the decrease of parking spaces. It would be difficult to have family events or even one to two guests. It is also difficult to do that.

I urge you to reconsider this plan as it would have more a negative impact on the neighborhood than positive. Many more people would suffer than would benefit from the bike lane.

Thank you.

Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase. Martin Luther King, Jr.

From: Raayan Zarandian Mohtashemi [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 4:00 PM
To: Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission
Cc: City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Comment regarding North Central Bike Lanes

Dear Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission,

These comments are those that I wish to add after reviewing the posted packet on the North Central bike lanes. Thank you for your consideration of this item.

1. Last night at around midnight, I walked Humboldt Street in the project area with a few friends and we counted off-street private parking residential parking spaces on Humboldt Street that were open. The reason we did this is because the staff parking analysis/data collection was focused on on-street parking, and we wanted to get an idea of how much tandem/off-street parking visible from the public right-of way was happening. Our estimate is that on Humboldt Street, between 5th Ave and Peninsula Ave, there were 164 open off-street parking spaces visible from the street at around 12-1 am (the time of highest parking demand according to the community). I raise this point to illustrate that it seems like there is capacity to tandem park on driveways in the neighborhood, that is currently not being utilized. We also found 25 open on-street parking spaces on Humboldt Street last night.
2. I want to draw to your attention the part of the staff report that indicates that the removed parking spaces can be accommodated within 600 feet (1-2 blocks) of Humboldt and Poplar. This staff estimate does *not* consider improvements to parking supply and demand made by the proposed parking policy options. That means that the potential impact of the parking removal can be further mitigated. As an example, driveway apron parking would add up to 1300 estimated parking spaces in the neighborhood. Please listen to the science/math on this when considering potential impact.
3. The redesigned roadway geometry with the bike lanes would improve sight distances and potentially reduce vehicle travel lane widths, both things that help improve pedestrian safety. This project also improves pedestrian safety, another longstanding concern in the community.

Thank you once again for your consideration. In closing, I would like to speak about a friend of mine who lives in the neighborhood and cannot drive due to a medical condition. He must bike and walk places, and often tells me how worried he is about biking in the neighborhood. He works all day and night, and does not have time to attend meetings like this. I ask, when we only dedicate curb space to cars, who are we planning for? And how can we help people like my friend, and the countless other low income riders who have no choice but to bike in this neighborhood?

Thank you for your consideration and deliberation,
Raayan