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Dear Mayor Burt and City Council Members,

We are writing to you to ask that you move item 9 "Direct Staff to Relinquish S. Palo Alto Bikeways Project Grant ..." off the consent calendar to allow for a **full discussion**. This nearly **one million dollar** grant would have paid for widening of the Waverley Path and protected bike lanes on East Meadow Drive and Fabian Way, which are all important bicycling routes in our community and in desperate need of infrastructure upgrades. We realize that at this point it is too late not to relinquish this grant, but there are some important questions that warrant a discussion:

- This grant was awarded back in **2017**. Why did the City **wait for almost 4 years** to start working on this important project, eventually running out of time?
- Why was Council not publicly notified that reallocating resources to California Ave would put the South Palo Alto bikeways project in jeopardy **before** their vote?
- Both City staff and volunteers have put a lot of work into this project already, and a lot of this work will have to be redone in order to re-apply for funding in May; a **large and expensive waste of resources**. How is Council going to ensure that City Staff has the resources to successfully complete the project this time around?
- How does the City plan on achieving its wellness and climate change goals if active transportation projects continue to be put on hold/stalled? (Embarcadero Road Corridor Improvement project, Churchill Enhanced Bikeway project, and now the South Palo Alto Bikeways project).

Thank you for considering our comments.

Kind regards,

Nicole, Arnout, and Ava Zoeller Boelens

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Hi,

I've just heard that we might lose some federal funding we'd get for bike lanes on Meadow/Waverly/Fabian. I do not follow the city's plans closely, but I do bike daily, and my kids do too.

I'd like to see the city give higher priority to bike projects. I've lived here for 20 years, and I've always felt like a 2nd class citizen compared to cars. Multi-story garages get funded, bike lanes not as much. Bikes have really grown in popularity since COVID, and I hope this popularity translates into more resources.

Can you make sure that that City staff has the resources to keep this project moving and to re-apply for funding in May?

Thanks,

Aleks