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Marin County's Zoom Meeting Regarding Their Pt. San Pedro Road "Lane Diet" Proposal Wednesday, December 15 @ 5:30pm

Dear neighbors,

A few days ago, the County announced via NextDoor an online meeting to be held on December 15 at 5:30pm to allow for public input on a "lane diet" proposal on Pt. San Pedro Road. We hope that this meeting will be well attended by community members and that questions and concerns will be addressed despite the short notice. To join, click here at the time of the meeting (no advance reservation required):

<https://marincounty-org-dpw.zoom.us/j/87276104681>

Background and Issues

When the Bayside Park renovation took place, a BCDC permit was required. As a condition of the original 1971 BCDC permit that widened the roadway to four lanes and created the park, a dedicated bike lane was mandated fronting Bayside Park on Pt. San Pedro Road but was never implemented by the County. BCDC required that the original bike lane had to be implemented as part of the renovation permit. To implement the mandated bike lane, the community has been notified by the County of two options:

1. Remove the parking spaces along the side of the park to put in the bike lane where parking is currently allowed.
2. Reduce eastbound traffic in the area from two lanes to one lane to accommodate both parking and a bike lane. The reduction to an eastbound single lane, called a *lane diet*, was the topic of an earlier online meeting hosted by the Coalition during which many neighbors expressed opposition to this option. At the time, this "lane diet" was to terminate at Main Drive where the roadway would return to two lanes in the eastbound direction (until Riviera where it becomes one lane again).

There are competing needs and interests that are clearly challenging to address, and neither option is completely satisfactory. The Coalition leadership has been in discussion with both the City and County since the proposal for a lane diet was first suggested. Because the purpose of the County's renovation of the park was to ensure disability access to the park, and mobility safety at the park, we believe disability parking is a priority.

Following our well-attended webinar on June 8th regarding the lane diet proposal, during which many attendees raised concerns about the proposal, the County announced that the status quo would remain until the park renovation was complete. Since the turf planned for the park could not be planted due to the drought, completion was not expected until 2023. However, the County recently announced that the lane diet "pilot project" will commence in early 2022.

Given that Bayside Park and the proposed lane diet are adjacent to the City's jurisdiction on the east side of the park, we expressed our concern that the County's plan did not address significant hazards within the City's jurisdiction. In particular, the walkway east of the park is riddled with gaps in the asphalt that make it dangerous to walk from the east toward the park. We contacted the City's Department of Public Works about these concerns. We were pleased that the City has agreed to add repairs to the walkway from the east along the esplanade to their list of upcoming improvement projects.

We have urged the City and the County to work together to ensure that access to the park and safety issues for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists are all taken into consideration. We have raised several issues with the City and the County and are encouraged that the City DPW will be participating in the upcoming meeting. We see this as an important step toward a holistic approach to addressing both short-term and long-term issues by both the City and the County.

Among the additional issues we have raised:

1. A pedestrian crosswalk is not an option across Pt. San Pedro Road at Main parallel to the park given the obstructed line of sight from eastbound traffic. Absence of parking at the park could encourage visitors to park on Main or the vicinity and try to cross Pt. San Pedro Road at this point, which would be a safety hazard.
2. A lane diet terminating at the east end of the park may encourage dangerous speeding and lane changes when the road regains the second lane at Main Drive only to revert back to a single lane at Riviera. If a pilot lane diet is initiated, extending it to Riviera Drive may improve safety and a consistent roadway (the County's recent announcement now includes an extension of the lane diet pilot to Riviera).
3. Commencement of long-term plans for improvements to the shoreline appearance and public access to the Bay and Bayside Park as well as adaptations to protect the corridor from sea level rise should be included.

We are hopeful that the upcoming meeting will bring the community together and find a greater understanding of the needs of our local community and the broader City and County interests.

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