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Subject: General PlanGP Draft EIR DO NOT reclassify 9th and 5th avenue

Dear City of San Mateo GP 2040 leads.

We recognize this can sometimes be a thankless job. So let me first say Thank You for considering our neighborhood concerns.

We looked at the GP2040 and it appears that 9th. Ave and 5th Ave are being proposed as “Arterials”.

In a city that has worked for decades to keep our streets safe for pedestrians, such as the Traffic Action Plans (TAPs) reclassifying 9th Ave to be able to carry from a max of 10,000 cars up to 50,000 cars goes against all the hours our neighborhood, staff and numerous city council members have invested to prevent additional degradation of local street surfaces and safety of our elderly, kids and general population when residents walk to medical appointments, school or work. **Is this long term tradeoff worth whatever short term benefit city administrators anticipate?**

Has a Health Risk Analysis (HRA) associated with Allowing up to 50,000 cars in our little neighborhood been done? I cannot imagine that it would Not have a long term detrimental effect on our general population’s health.

This type of drastic change goes against the City’s Vision, Safety and Noise GP goals.

Please let’s stop letting the “car centric” mentality we fought so hard to get away from drive decisions for our community’s future.

I wish you would get the opinions of the mail carriers and package delivery personnel. Recently a car flipped on 7th and El Dorado after nearly hitting people and actually hitting multiple cars, before flipping. I spoke to the delivery personnel at the crash site and they said it is amazing how often they see people speeding and ignoring stop signs in our neighborhood.

I would like close by sharing a photo of an adult resident riding their electric scooter on 5th and El Dorado. Something we see on 9th and Fremont all the time as well. Why do adults still rides bikes And scooters on the sidewalk during traffic hours? Because they are afraid, even with all the bike lanes in the street.

Thank you,

Erika Powell



