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Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 5:56 AM

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Subject: RE: I am your neighbor - Please read - General Plan Draft EIR Comments

Morning Naomi,

Thank you for submitting your comments on the roadway classification of 5th and 9th Avenues as designated in the Draft General Plan and Draft EIR. They will be added to the record and responded to in the Final EIR. With regards to Roadway classifications, they are defined by the Federal Highway Administration with each State Highway Agency, in this case Caltrans, overseeing identification of roadway classifications throughout the State of California. The map identifying these roadway classifications can be found here: [California Road System - Functional Classification \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com). The change you have identified in the Draft General Plan have been proposed to align with the official Caltrans roadway classification designations assigned to streets in San Mateo. These allow the City to qualify for Federal funding for certain types of roadway maintenance activities on qualified roadway classifications. Roadway classifications are also referenced in the [California Vehicle Code, Section 40802\(b\)\(1\)](#), which allows for certain types of speed enforcement on our City streets.

Aligning the General Plan's Circulation Element with the Caltrans roadway classifications is the best approach for the City. However, we want to make clear that the City does not have any intentions of making modifications to 5th or 9th Avenues that would make them function as an arterial street. Further, the [Complete Streets Plan](#), which is intended to review the entirety of the City's roadway network to recommend comprehensive and cohesive improvements that account for all roadway users, may provide the information needed to help reevaluate these classifications in the future. That process involves seeking concurrence from Caltrans to update their map. And lastly, many of our safety improvements are driven more by actual speed and volume data rather than roadway classifications, and that approach isn't changing. Ultimately, the City desires to align the various uses of our streets with the appropriate roadway classification where possible.

With regard to your comment about proposed land uses and their associated heights, I wanted to share a link to our [online land use map](#) that allows you to view the proposed land use on any parcel in the City. There are some High intensity land uses, with a height range of 5-8 stories, proposed west of Delaware Ave, but to the east, along 5th Ave, the proposed land use is Residential Low II (2-4 story height range), and along 3rd and 4th, the proposed land use is Residential Medium II (4-6 story height range). The properties along 9th Ave, east of Delaware, are proposed to be maintained at their current land use intensity, which is Residential Low (1-3 stories).

Also, with regards to safety, one of the main themes of the Circulation Element is safety for all street users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. And, based on the comments we've been hearing we will be working to further strengthen the Circulation Element in this regard, and we will be bringing additional recommendations to the City Council when they review this Element on October 16th.

Moving the City Manager and Council members to BCC.

Thank you, and have a nice Tuesday.



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From: Naomi Ture [REDACTED]

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Subject: I am your neighbor - Please read - General Plan Draft EIR Comments

Dear Manira, Mayor Lisa and Councilmembers Rob, Zachary, Alex, Lisa and Rich,

I write with high hopes that our planning manager and city council will listen to the neighborhood voices, over the developer voices.

I write to oppose Draft General Plan and Draft EIR, and to request that you **protect the tree-lined neighborhood that we love**. My home is at 614 E 5th Avenue. We moved here because it is a friendly, safe, tree-lined street with a bike lane. It's filled with families and folks who have lived here for decades and are proud of this neighborhood. Many people use our street to live, bike, and to walk to downtown San Mateo and the park.

This is my request - Please protect our neighborhood by including the following boundaries in the Equity Priority Neighborhood: 5th to 9th Avenue and S Delaware to S Amphlett and provide us with the following residential protections:

- Please install the traffic calming measures including speed humps on 5th Avenue that you promised us after multiple people have been hit by cars.
- Do not allow 5th and 9th to become classified as arterials (this is the opposite of what you promised)
- Keep 5th Avenue as a local street and 9th Avenue as a collector
- Install the proposed class III Bike Boulevard on 5th Avenue
- Please ensure that height limitations within the boundaries of our neighborhood are 2 stories
- Please ensure height limitations right outside our neighborhood are 4-6 stories.
- Please stop ignoring the citizens and pleasing the developers by allowing them to construct 8-10 story structures.
- Please make it harder for developers to construct massive structures near our neighborhood without implementing what the citizens demand - safety, ample parking, and height limitations.

The planning commission and city have shown in recent years that you are **working against neighborhoods and in collaboration with developers**, to create 8-12 story structures next to a neighborhood of single-story single-family homes. You are ignoring our pleas and **exacerbating problems such as overcrowding, parking issues, traffic, safety and dangerous roadway conditions**.

The planning commission and city promised to work with our neighborhood to install traffic calming after cars are repeatedly hitting pedestrians. You have not added even one speed hump to 5th Avenue.

The planning commission and the city promised to work with our neighborhood regarding 8-12 story high rises. Instead, **the city is working WITH developers and AGAINST residents to build as many high rises as it can fit near our neighborhood** without regard for parking, traffic and safety issues.

Please listen to the people who live and work here now. **Please protect us, your neighbors, over the developers. Please tell me exactly how you will protect my beloved neighborhood.**

Thank you,

Naomi Ture

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