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Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 9:36 AM
To: General Plan <generalplan@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Draft General Plan 2040 Comment for Oct 30 meeting

Hi there,

I'd like to comment on the draft plan with regards to a particular block that, after living here for over 10 years and as an active cyclist, needs some attention. I live on Monte Diablo Ave just a block East of the pedestrian overpass/Bayshore Ave (1400/1500 block) just past N Kingston Ave. With a vision of "San Mateo is a **vibrant, livable, diverse, and healthy** community that respects the **quality** of its neighborhoods, fosters a flourishing economy, is committed to equity, and is a leader in **environmental sustainability.**" (page 7), the bolded terms are directly affected on a regular basis. There is a high incidence of active cyclists, runners, pedestrians on this street as it is the **ONLY** thoroughfare in our neighborhood to directly access the Bay trail, of which is actively used by many to support a **vibrant, healthy quality** of life and supports those of us who frequently think about the environment

As you cited on page 30, "North Central and North Shoreview/Shoreview received a **high score for traffic.**" There is a focused statement regarding "**equity and health** of all residents" page 16 and, with respect to figure 1.7 (page 32) there are high asthma, traffic, particulate matter, diesel particulate matter and toxic releases" - making my proposal much more important since there is a high incidence of people on bicycles/by foot using Monte Diablo for exercise on the Bay trail, it being the road connected to the 101 pedestrian overpass into North Central neighborhood/downtown and the only contiguous thoroughfare to the Bay trail.

Cars whipping by on Monte Diablo are going way too fast and there are just too many things going on to accommodate two-way traffic AND bicyclists/pedestrians with a slender street. The sidewalks have rounded edges and, thus, cars tend to park up on the sidewalk, forcing bicyclists and sometimes pedestrians to use the street, yet east of Huron Ave the street seems to widen and there are no longer rounded sidewalk edges.

My proposal is to consider a ONE-WAY section of Monte Diablo Ave, between North Kingston and Huron Avenue, running westbound, WITH speed bumps. This will allow for a dedicated bike lane on this section of road, still keeping both sides of the street for parking, and will prevent cars from North Kingston (driving southbound) to turn left onto Monte Diablo Ave, of which I've witnessed too many close calls as well as accidents.

When the City Council discussed the Complete Streets Plan earlier this month, Mayor Lee mentioned the "**absence of feedback from the community East of 101**" (SM Daily Journal 10/23/23 pg 17) and Council member Hedges references "a high percentage of residents in the area have expressed concern with the **lack of safe routes to their schools.**" - this is all concerning to me, as I see students walking/biking to the Montessori school and the former Boys&Girls Club on Monte Diablo on a regular basis, not to mention those who ride/walk/run for exercise.

I'm sorry to have to miss tonight's city council meeting but, please consider this proposal as you are discussing more safe, equitable, healthy alternatives to getting around San Mateo.

Thank you,
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