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Hi friends,

Pedestrian safety is influenced by the total time necessary to cross a road, thus "road diets" that reduce the travel distance for pedestrians, either by reducing lane width or the number of lanes, helps to make roads safer for all road users not in cars. Driver behavior is also influenced by lane widths and number of lanes, with increasing widths and lanes encouraging faster speeds that increase collision rates and severity for drivers too. Urban planning offers this truism: Changes to our built infrastructure moderate the way we interact with the infrastructure. I ask that the MMAC support a safer Central Avenue through a reduction in the number of lanes to help improve safety for all road users.

Sincerely,  
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"If EPIC had not undertaken its lonely efforts on behalf of the Marbled Murrelet, it is doubtful that the species would have maintained its existence throughout its historical range in California." - Judge L. Bechtle, *Marbled Murrelet v. Pacific Lumber Co.*