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Subject: Comments regarding Special MMAC meeting

Hi,

I have forwarded these comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as requested... but that office forwards comments received to all the members of the MMAC prior to the next **regular** meeting. As this March 23 meeting is not a regularly scheduled meeting, I need to reach out to you directly to ensure you receive these comments in a timely manner. Thank you for understanding.

Due to the late notice of this unscheduled meeting, I cannot attend in person.

These comments are NEW comments directed to the McKinleyville Town Center Plan.

PLEASE do NOT vote on a particular option to recommend to the Board of Supervisors at this meeting (March 23, 2022). The plan has changed significantly and the public has neither been well informed of those changes, nor had time to review them.

Additionally, those residents who have been able to review the latest versions (after major changes within the last week), there is certainly not sufficient time for the MMAC to gather those new opinions on this new information. As the MMAC is there to gather and represent the community's opinions on issues such as this, waiting on a vote is critical.

PLEASE hold a public meeting, in McKinleyville, to define and explain in detail to town members the relatively new issue of a 'road diet'. This major issue of reducing Central Avenue has NOT been clearly defined to us McKinleyville residents. The maps are confusing, change weekly and are even today unclear. (I heard a planning department member correct a committee member's description as recently as the MMAC meeting only a week ago.)

While the issue of a TRAFFIC STUDY has been requested and discussed, no report of such study is readily available. One only needs to leave McKinleyville southbound at 8 am on a weekday to see what narrowing Central will do to traffic flow. Central Avenue south of School Road is a dangerous mad-house clearly understood by all town residents. (I recently counted myself as one of seventeen cars stacked up southbound on Central Avenue at the traffic light at School Rd... and was passed on the right by a speeding car making a left turn from the right-turn lane to forcefully merge into this congested traffic.)

Before voting, please answer (or at least provide estimates)... How much will the 'road diet' option cost? Who will pay for that? Will McKinleyville residents be charged a new tax in order to pay for the road changes brought about by either narrowing Central Avenue, or complying with the Town Plan in total? (We already pay more for roads with Measure Z.)

The issues of pedestrian and bicycle safety and traffic flow on Central Avenue are not mutually exclusive. BOTH goals can be achieved, especially with focusing on providing more safe ways to cross Central Avenue.

Increased enforcement of existing regulations is a better approach than adding more regulations. Today I reviewed the CrimeGraphics map of all traffic violations (from the Crime Mapping map on the humboldt.gov website) within blocks of Central Avenue over the last year. There were nine citations issued, three for parking and the others due to a vehicle accident. There were NO citations for speeding, NO citations for failure to stop at a stop sign/light, and NO citations for careless driving posted on this reporting tool maintained by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. Increased enforcement of EXISTING regulations should be requested before we vote for MORE regulations.

Thank you for all you do for those of us who make McKinleyville our home. I DO appreciate the work you do, and hope that the meeting goes smoothly!

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