



June 18, 2024

Stephanie Moulton-Peters
District 3 Supervisor
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Re: SR 131 Capital Preventive Maintenance

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you for arranging the recent Zoom meeting between officials from Caltrans, the Town of Tiburon, and the City of Belvedere regarding planned improvements to Tiburon Boulevard.

We are confident that Caltrans wishes to deliver a best-in-class project that serves our entire community, and we are grateful for the ongoing dialogue. We, like you, embrace the concept of “Complete Streets” and support bike lanes. However, we would like to strongly reiterate our concern about the potentially significant impacts on traffic and safety of adding bike lanes on the stretch of Tiburon Boulevard from Blackfield Drive to Trestle Glen, which we know to be a significant choke point for traffic.

Many Belvedere residents have expressed concern about this project and its potential impact on the already very challenging congestion and traffic on Tiburon Boulevard. As the two council members asked by the full Belvedere City Council to communicate with you and Caltrans about this project, we take seriously the responsibility to serve our community’s interests and respectfully suggest that the project consider the recommendations outlined below:

- We continue to encourage Caltrans to undertake a study to measure the impact on congestion of cyclists traversing the Trestle Glen crosswalk to access the proposed outbound bike lane.
- In the absence of such a study, we encourage Caltrans to consider the data and recommendations that emerge from the Town of Tiburon’s upcoming traffic study.
- We, like the bike lobby, are concerned about the safety of an unprotected bike lane heading outbound from Trestle Glen. Vehicles accelerate from this intersection, and the risk of an accident – particularly if this route is used by children cycling to school – is high.
- We have safety concerns about the Reed Ranch Road intersection on the outbound side. Because of a blind corner, vehicles already struggle to cross from here to the inbound side of Tiburon Boulevard. Adding an unprotected bike lane may compound the problem.

- We have safety concerns about inbound bike traffic entering Blackies Pasture and would like to understand more about what is planned in this area.
- There may be transit and school bus stops that have not been accounted for in the current plan and may also require part of the inbound bike lane to be unprotected.

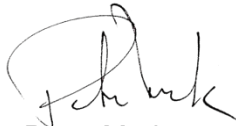
We appreciate that Complete Streets is a Caltrans priority and that SHOPP funding supports multimodal transportation when it serves the program's broader safety and climate change goals. We are not sure the bike lanes, as designed, serve these goals.

As you may know, the [2012 Tiburon Bay Trail Gap Study](#) did not recommend adding bike lanes along this stretch of Tiburon Boulevard but instead suggested making improvements on Greenwood Beach Road. The [2016 Tiburon Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan](#) recommended only further study, which has not been completed.

It would seem reasonable that greater study and potential development of the existing safe, scenic route along Greenwood Cove Drive and Greenwood Beach Road be conducted. This route is an established part of the San Francisco Bay Trail, which connects directly to the Tiburon multi-use path, allowing a continuous bike route from Mill Valley to Downtown Tiburon. A similar sensible approach exists in Mill Valley, where the inbound [E. Blithedale bike lane](#) routes through the Ashford Avenue neighborhood rather than continuing on the main thoroughfare in an unsafe way.

We look forward to continuing the dialogue as the project moves through the design phase.

Sincerely,



Peter Mark
Mayor, Council Member



Sally Wilkinson
Council Member

cc: Damon Connolly, District 12 Assemblymember
Robert Zadnik, City Manager