

FW: 3rd Street Improvements--Gratitude and question

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Regarding the very much needed 3rd Street Improvement Project current planning

The area on the south side of 2nd/3rd between Miramar and West so very much deserves your attention and help for people walking and biking. The broken, potholed, extremely narrow south sidewalk is the only link for workers walking and biking, parents pushing strollers, and people of all ages and abilities who need to bike from east to west from the SF Bay and San Rafael to San Anselmo and points beyond. Improving it as planned for all of the users and residents in this current plan rendition will be a giant leap forward. Thank you so much for taking community input, and keeping the all important two way bicycle protected facility through this area.

Would your staff please clarify that a new south sidewalk will be built from Miramar to East with this project? The south sidewalk itself is dangerous and needs to be replaced. Even walking my bike on the sidewalk in the rain I have stumbled in hidden potholes, deep cracks and unexpected curbs. We all need better facilities here for both biking and walking. Replacing the south sidewalk along with installing the bidirectional Protected bike lanes here should be a priority. More and more, best practices ask for pedestrians and bicycles to be provided separated spaces, as do this plan's Protected bike lanes along with hopefully a rebuilt sidewalk, both of which I am glad staff are able to fit. This is the only safe route to bicycle between San Rafael and points west. The pandemic shows us that more and more people will grow to use it bicycling.

Thank you again for your support for active transportation and your work on improving infrastructure.

Best regards,

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