

## Agenda Item 7.A - San Rafael Transit Center

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To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>

Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to support the Whistlestop Block alternative for the San Rafael Transit Center. I believe this alternative would be the best for bicycle riders, pedestrians, and transit riders alike. The design integrates with Downtown San Rafael, allows transit riders to transfer between SMART and buses without crossing a street, and includes the Tamalpais Avenue bikeway as part of the north/south route through town.

However, I object to the use of the east side of Tamalpais Avenue north of 4th Street as pick-up/drop-off, which would significantly hamper bike riders traveling on the one safe north/south street in Downtown.

This is critical as taxi and TNC drivers are NOT focused on bicycle riders and pedestrians. Please move ANY car functions off of West Tamalpais entirely.

Please prioritize the length of Tamalpais from the south side of Second to the north side of Mission now, as the north-south bicycle route for the city, and remove all temptation to add developments that compromise the safety of Tamalpais for bicycling in the future.

Frankly any car pick ups and drop offs for transit ought to be positioned between 2nd and 3rd streets on a new cut-thru street along the SMART tracks. This would remove cars entirely from Tamalpais, and place cars within the car circulation on car priority streets 2nd and 3rd, and stop them from adding car congestion to 4th and 5th, and Irwin and Heatherton. It will be more convenient for car drivers too.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jean Severinghaus

Transit, bicycle, train, feet, ferry and car locomotor.