

Item 8 Third Street Rehabilitation Program

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Mayor Colin and members of the City Council,

My name is Warren Wells and I am the Policy & Planning Director for the Marin County Bicycle Coalition. I am writing to applaud the council and City staff for moving forward with this important project. The two-way bicycle facility on the south side of Second Street will greatly increase accessibility by bicycles, especially for those in the Gerstle Park neighborhood traveling to and from San Anselmo.

Of particular note was the willingness to reallocate street space from on-street parking to a safe and separated bicycle facility. This is a practice that cities and towns across the County should emulate. The past several years have seen an explosion in bicycle travel, particularly on electric bicycles. According to the Transportation Authority of Marin, 57% of all trips within the County are under 5 miles, an easy distance on an e-bike. If we make it safe and easy for people to take trips by bicycle, the demand for auto parking will decrease.

Crucially important for the success of this project will be to provide substantial physical separation between the auto lanes and bike lanes. Vulnerable road users must not just feel safe but actually be safe if an errant driver leaves their lane.

MCBC is glad to see the progress taking place in San Rafael in recent years and looks forward to supporting more multimodal projects in the future.

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