



Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning  
Mountain View, CA 94041

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Mountain View City Council  
Michael Fuller, Public Works Director  
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Re: Median bike lanes in Mountain View

Dear Mayor Clark, City Council members, and others:

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning would like to register our support for implementing median bike lanes where appropriate in Mountain View. As you know, Safe Mountain View and others in the community have communicated with you in great detail about considering this idea for the Shoreline corridor, in particular between Wright Avenue and El Camino Real, and as an alternative to the more conventional designs already on the table as part of the Shoreline Boulevard Corridor Study. Additionally, in our opinion, this design should be considered for any location within our city that makes sense and improves circulation for both bicyclists and pedestrians.

Among the advantages of this design are:

- It provides separated travel areas between bicyclists, pedestrians, and motor vehicles, with landscaping further separating vehicles from those biking and walking.
- It provides a wonderful travel experience for those biking and walking; far better than what exists today in most places, where pedestrians on sidewalk often encounter conflicts with those bicycling in the same space and where bicyclists in bike lanes have to ride very close to where cars are driving.
- It helps to keep bicyclists and pedestrians clear of conflict areas such as overpass onramps and offramps, driveways, and side entrances.

In short, because the City is currently so focused on pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety around town, it certainly makes sense for median bike lanes that accommodate both bicyclists and pedestrians to be seriously considered for Shoreline and all parts of Mountain View where appropriate and where they can be built.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Grossman".

Aaron Grossman  
for the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

cc:  
James Lightbody, AECOM  
Safe Mountain View