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Subject: March 19, 2024: City Council meeting: Intersection Safety at Esplanade/S. El Camino Real
Comment
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Dear City Council,

I was not pleased to see that City Council is considering removing the 8 curb parking spots on El Camino Real between Estrella and Santiago in order to make room for a turn lane into Estrella.

By removing the curb parking, anyone visiting the 6 businesses on El Camino Real: Conrad Real Estate, Tattoo shop, Hair Affair, A Cut Above, Lucky Dog Gelato, the future 1010 Santiago restaurant will no longer be able to park on the curb and will be forced to park either on Santiago or Estrella. That means more cars on our residential streets taking away parking from residents and residential visitors. Parking is already difficult enough to get on our residential streets. Also, how many customers will these businesses lose since convenient parking will no longer be available.

Removing the delineators and adding a turn lane will increase the risk of auto accidents happening again. It will not “improve safety”. I have learned from Conrad Real Estate, that before the delineators were added, there were 2-3 accidents a month at the El Camino Real/Esplanade intersection. The accidents were not just from people turning off El Camino Real into Esplanade, but also from cars exiting Ralphs, Zebra House to drive south and from Taco Bell to drive north. A new turn lane will not remove the accident opportunities originating from Ralphs, Zebra and Taco Bell customers.

In my opinion,

- The Delineators are the best option for traffic safety at the Esplanade intersection. Removing them will increase the risk of audit accidents and not improve safety.
- Removing the 8 curb parking spots on El Camino Real will have a huge negative economic impact on the six El Camino real businesses by removing convenient customer parking.
- Removing the 8 curb parking spots on El Camino Real will add more parking congestion on Santiago and Esplanade since commercial business customer parking would be pushed into residential streets, therefore creating a negative impact on our residential community.

Overall the turn lane addition/curb parking removal is a bad idea.

Here is a photo of the last accident I saw on Oct 19, 2020. I think this is the last one before the delineators were added. Since the delineators were added, there have been 0 accidents. I think the delineators are doing a great job! Let's keep them!



I would appreciate and email confirmation you have read this email.
Thank you for your time to read my comments.

Best Regards,

Sandra Maring
Resident

