

County of San Mateo  
Board of Supervisors

RE: Support for Adoption of the Santa Cruz Avenue/Alameda De Las Puglas Study

August 6, 2020

Dear Ladies & Gentleman of the Board,

As the 14 community volunteers who have had the privilege of serving on the Santa Cruz Avenue / Alameda De Las Puglas Roadways Improvements Task Force, we hope you will carefully consider and expeditiously adopt the recommendations contained in our Study. At the heart of this two+ year study is the overarching goal of creating a fundamentally safer environment for everyone that lives on, or near, or transits through, these sections of Santa Cruz Avenue and Alameda De Las Puglas. An added benefit of these recommendations is they also result in a markedly better and more livable environment for the thousands of residents that call this portion of Menlo Park home. And, we are proud of the fact that these substantial benefits can be achieved with minimal impact on traffic flow and transit times as is also documented in the Study.

Beyond the findings in the report, we also want you to know that the process driving these recommendations stands as a powerful, positive example of what is possible when community involvement and input is cultivated, and coupled with a genuine spirit of collaboration between citizens and their local government. As is well documented, our Task Force engaged with many hundreds of residents, motorists, cyclists, and relevant public entities including Fire, law enforcement, local schools, and adjacent local governments.

We thank you for your support in enabling and encouraging this "partnership". It has been a privilege to serve as the representatives of our neighbors and those that use this important transit corridor. It also has been a wonderful experience to work directly with a number of very capable public employees – particularly those at the County Department of Public Works.

As the community members of the Task Force, we urge your swift adoption of the recommendations contained in our Study. We will continue to aggressively work with you and the relevant agencies to spur their implementation.

Cordially,



The Community Members of the Santa Cruz Avenue / Alameda De Las Puglas Roadways Improvement Task Force