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From: [Ron Snow](#)
To: [Ray Mueller](#); [Ann Stillman](#); [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [Michael Callagy](#)
Subject: Follow up needed on Santa Cruz/Alameda Project -- Agenda Item #110
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 5:35:57 PM

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Ray Mueller, Ann Stillman, and Board of Supervisors

I was just in the process of drafting an email to ask for an update on the Santa Cruz/Alameda Safety project when I saw that DPW had posted a notice that they already opened the bidding process earlier this month and are now about to select a contractor.

Summary:

On April 23rd, in the Board Meeting agenda item #45, the Board of Supervisors agreed to require DPW to engage directly with our community and to have this dialogue ‘before the final decision is made’ on the project. DPW never contacted the community nor had this required dialogue.

Agenda Item #110 should be delayed to the next Board of Supervisors meeting after DPW meets their obligation to meet and discuss the needed changes to address safety on the Santa Cruz/Alameda project.

The community had requested 2 months ago and subsequently by individuals, that the current project design document be provided to us. Please facilitate this request and have DPW provide the design documents this week.

We had all agreed, exactly 2 months ago, and with the full Board of Supervisors support, that DPW would have dialogue with the community pertaining to the design errors, community concerns, and potential changes to the project that we (community) had identified. DPW was to engage with "the community to consider **before** the final decision is made”.

That promised dialogue with our Community never occurred, even though it was part of the Board Resolution (Item #45). We were — and are — still waiting.

Because the dialog was to have happened BEFORE final decision were made, PLEASE MOVE AGENDA ITEM 110 to the next Board Meeting after the agreed dialogue with our community has occurred.

Please have County DPW keep their promise and honor the conditions placed in the April 23rd resolution for the DPW agenda (item 45) that required this dialogue and engagement with community.

Also, please have DPW provide us with an updated - current - design document. Several of us had requested that this be provided back in April and some even asked indivually later. Please make this available this week. I trust that we do not have to make a formal Freedom of Information request for this to occur.

From: [Janet Davis](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [Michael Callagy](#)
Subject: Kimley Horn
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 7:45:14 PM

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I discovered that Public Works is hiring a consulting firm to reactivate the flawed and incompetent 2017 Alpine corridor study. This study was initiated by Don Horsley based on extensive documentation done by residents of Stanford Weekend Acres regarding the highly dangerous stretch of Alpine Road between Junipero Serra Blvd and I-280. Don tried valiantly to get cooperation with Caltrans, to no avail.

Public Works then hired Kimley Horn as consultants. Their work product was grossly inaccurate, sloppy, and useless. At the last moment, after several meetings, the residents of Ladera chimed in with complaints about the intersections of Alpine and La Cuesta and La Mesa. Ladera ended up getting lighted pedestrian crosswalks and the residents of Stanford Weekend Acres got nothing, and serious accidents keep happening. Now Ladera is contemplating "roundabouts" which are not safe on major roads - particularly for cyclists - and in that location would likely involve eminent domain proceedings and invasion of the fragile riparian area owned by Stanford where Stanford has spent \$millions environmentally restoring the eroded banks of the creek.

The identity of the proposed consultants was not revealed and I have not seen any mention of any such study or expenditure on the BOS agendas. The proposed so-called "stakeholders" for this study do not include anyone from SWA where the actual problems exist. There are many qualified people in SWA with technical backgrounds and knowledge of the problems. Any traffic problem at the two Ladera locations pale to total insignificance in comparison to the very real dangers along Alpine north of I-280 where all the accidents occur. Why is the study aimed at Ladera when the problems are elsewhere? Why is the county spending more money on another probably useless study? When is this scheduled and how much is this proposed study to cost?

In any event, I sincerely hope that Kimley Horn is not the proposed consultant. They were useless in 2017 and they were useless with respect to the "Y" problems along Alameda and Santa Cruz, and were also useless with respect to the NFO RR bridge.

Written Public Comment(s) for
Item No. 2

From: [Jessie Ren](#)
To: [CEO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Public comments for Agenda #2 (Measure K funding)
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 12:03:47 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jessie Ren. I am a resident of Redwood City. I am writing to express the urgency to increase the equal rights for healthcare, language access for the Chinese community.

I remember that the community has spoken out at the March board of the supervisor's meeting. We raised concerns and issues that the Chinese community are facing including language access, healthcare and not enough culturally competent providers. These issues are still there, they can never go away without being addressed.

Please support us, we can hire more culturally competent staff; invest in community nonprofits like Unitedly who is dedicated and understand the Chinese community, have documents in Chinese language and do more outreach so that families can have access to equitable opportunities and resources. We need your support to change the system.

Thank you for listening!
Sincerely,

Jessie Ren