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**Subject:** Public Comment on Public Works Projects for 1 April 2025 City Council Meeting

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Dear City Council Members, Assistant City Manager Valdez  
and Public Works Director Buelna,

As you finalize your Public Works Plan I want to highlight that the Board  
of Pacific Palms  
Homeowners Association (115 residences) has recently sent the City of  
Goleta a letter requesting  
prompt repaving of Pacific Oaks between Hollister and Phelps Road.

As you know I've been persistent in illustrating the  
dangerously unsafe pavement situation on this stretch of  
Pacific Oaks and have inquired as to why it was not included  
in the somewhat recent repaving of Phelps Road between  
Pacific Oaks and Storke Road. I have never received an  
answer to that question.



I hope the City Council will take the Pacific Palms Homeowners Association's request seriously and add repaving of Pacific Oaks to the 2025 work plan at the April 1 meeting.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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To Goleta City Council via City Clerk  
Regarding: Public Works Department Priority-Setting Workshop and Fiscal  
Year 2025-26 Annual Work Program  
Agenda Item D.2

On August 26, 2024 we submitted a request through your City Assist web page. In regard to the fact that our vital road in Goleta is completely degraded and presents a serious safety hazard.

The street in question is **Pacific Oaks Road between Hollister Avenue and Phelps Road**. It is a vital link that gets thousands of vehicle trips per day. It is pounded by heavy delivery vehicles serving the Camino Real Marketplace and The Plaza shopping center.

I received this reference number: W034539-082624  
And this message: Your request has been submitted to the City of Goleta Street Maintenance Division. A staff member will respond to your request as soon as possible.

No one has ever followed up with us.

I see that Public Works projects are on the agenda for the April 1 City Council meeting. On page 54 of the staff report is a map of the streets due for repair. Our street is not even on the map at all.

Our Pacific Palms condominium complex has over 100 units. We need this road repaired as soon as possible. Someone is going to get injured if it is not fixed soon.

Please let us know that our street is on the schedule for repair and when that will happen.  
Thank you!

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## **URGENT REPAVING REQUEST**

**3/27/25**

**Dear Mayor Perotte, Councilmember Kasdin and Director Buelna,**

After recently reading about the great repaving plans for Goleta, I noticed that Pacific Oaks between Hollister and Phelps was not included.

At present, this relatively short stretch of road is in very bad shape with sharp ruts and holes in both car and bicycle lanes.

As you know, this is both a main, posted bike route and a significant cut-through street for vehicles trying to avoid the Hollister/Storke bottleneck.

It also is heavily used by large delivery trucks for the Albertsons market and other businesses in the shopping center, as their shipping dock faces Pacific Oaks.

We were very surprised and disappointed when the recent re-paving of Phelps Road between Pacific Oaks and Storke Road did not include this other component of the route.

I'd like to also include in this request, an upgrade of the crosswalk you thoughtfully created at Georgetown Road and Pacific Oaks, which is now heavily used (as expected) by Girsh Park athletic participants, plus regular neighborhood pedestrians.

This crosswalk really needs a pedestrian-activated set of flashing signal lights like those we see in other parts of Goleta, especially given the width of Pacific Oaks and no pedestrian safety island for slower walkers.

Because of continuing excessive speeds of vehicular traffic despite the recently posted 20 MPH. These lights will contribute to Goleta's Vision Zero goals and improve safety in this heavily traveled corridor.

Coordinating this upgrade with a top-notch repaving of Pacific Oaks between Hollister and Pacific Oaks would be a sound investment and is much needed.

Please consider adding this project to Goleta's near-term paving plans.

Respectfully, with best regards,

**Mark Gross, Board President, Pacific Oaks**

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my strong support for prioritizing **Vision Zero** and **transportation safety** initiatives in the FY 2025–26 Public Works Work Program. These projects are critical to improving safety, accessibility, and the overall livability of Goleta—especially through low-cost, high-impact strategies like **restriping** and **bollard installation**.

Projects like the **Old Town Hollister Avenue restriping** have transformed the feel of the corridor. As someone who regularly bikes and walks through Old Town with my family, I’ve noticed more people, especially families, doing the same since the project was completed. It’s not just safer—it feels more connected, vibrant, and welcoming.

I am particularly supportive of the City’s recent use of **low-profile bollards**, which offer much-needed physical separation for bike lanes and pedestrian zones. These installations make a substantial difference in comfort and safety. I encourage the City to continue and expand their use wherever feasible throughout Goleta.

The Draft FY 2025–26 Work Program includes many forward-thinking projects aligned with Vision Zero, including:

- The **Vision Zero Safety Campaign, Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan, and Safe Routes to School Program**, supported by SS4A grant funding
- Continued **speed limit reductions** along key corridors, which have already improved safety in 2024
- Upcoming infrastructure like **RRFBs at Calle Real and Jenna Drive** and **crosswalk improvements on Hollister Avenue**
- **Citywide Traffic Signal Upgrades (Project No. 9083)** to improve pedestrian timing and visibility
- The **Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update**, planned for 2028

I especially want to voice support for any project that includes **lane restriping** as a core tool for street safety—this is a cost-effective, scalable strategy that delivers measurable results.

I greatly appreciate the leadership and responsiveness of the Public Works Department under Luz “Nina” Buelna. Their clear focus on safety, accessibility, and mobility is already

making a positive impact across the city. Please continue to support and expand this momentum.

Sincerely,

Michael Iza - Goleta resident

Heather Shea - Goleta resident

Ryan Cey - Goleta resident

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I suggest to the Council to raise the priority level on the two new crosswalk and ped crossing safety improvement projects for the Old Town Hollister/Magnolia intersection, and 'Hollister Safety Improvements Between Storke and Pebble Beach Drive', both where no marked crosswalks exist (and deaths have occurred). As well as Citywide School Zones Signage, Striping, & Curb Markings Evaluation. We need to prioritize areas in which we know community members are often walking, biking or rolling. This is as you know are often locations that connect us to schools, parks, public spaces, and public transportation.

I ask the City to prioritize these three projects up from the 'Long Range Projects.

I remember from the last presentation various community members were asking about the need for sidewalk improvements and repaving roads. It would be great to

have more transparency on how these projects are scheduled and how we can prioritize infrastructure not just for cars but for all users.

Thank you,

**Gemma Jimenez**

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