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Subject: : Update on the Old Town Sidewalks Improvement Project Capital Improvement Program Project Number 9031

Council Members,

This letter is in regards to item D.1 on the March 6th, 2018 City Council agenda.

The Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST) is in support of the City's efforts to improve pedestrian circulation and safety in Old Town Goleta, but are concerned with right of way designs proposing a four foot wide sidewalk. Although four feet is the minimum required by American with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, this width does not create a comfortable walking environment. The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Street Design Guidelines recommend a 5 foot minimum for sidewalks, which is the minimum to allow two people to walk side by side. Less than this will either cause a pedestrian bottleneck, or cause pedestrians to step into the street to pass someone walking more slowly. This will make walking an uncomfortable and unsafe experience for those who do not have an option to drive.

Old Town Goleta is fortunately designed in a pedestrian scale with residences, shopping, community facilities, and employment accessible in a walkable distance. Providing appropriately designed sidewalks will encourage residents and visitors to Old Town Goleta to walk and use transit. These sidewalks will most likely be in place for many years to come so it is critical the design gives consideration to members of the community who do not drive including children, the mobility impaired, and the transit dependent. Much attention is given to the comfort of drivers and the ease of parking. For equity's sake, please consider a five foot minimum sidewalk on the 40 foot right of way.

We appreciate staffs' efforts on this project as well as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the Hollister Complete Streets project, and hope that this project will make Old Town Goleta a safer, healthier neighborhood for all users.

Sincerely,

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FYI
Paula ~

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Old Town sidewalks

Dear Madam Mayor and members of the Goleta City Council

I am Eva Inbar, President of COAST (Coalition for Sustainable Transportation) and I am writing on the subject of sidewalks in Goleta Old Town, item D1 on this Tuesday's Council agenda. We have supported the project to add sidewalks in Old Town, but we do not support the sub-minimal sidewalk width of 4 ft now being proposed. This is not even enough to accommodate a person and their dog! We need at least a 5' sidewalk – the regular minimum width according to NACTO. If we calculate two 10' travel lanes and two 7.5' parking lanes in a 40' right-of-way, there is enough room for a regular 5' sidewalk.

The whole purpose of the project was to add sidewalks and we are spending millions of ATP money to do it. It makes no sense to install substandard sidewalks (on only one side of the street).

Thank you for your consideration,

Eva Inbar, President

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