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Subject: City Council agenda item B.16 18-229 "101 Overpass Cooperative Work Agreement"

Dear Goleta City Council Members,

I would just like to draw your attention to an item on this Tuesday's consent calendar:

B.16 18-229 101 Overpass Cooperative Work Agreement #05-0325 with the State of California Department of Transportation for the Project Initiation Document phase of the 101 Overpass Project (CIP 9027), and authorizing the Public Works Director to execute the Project Charter.

One thing made abundantly clear from the public input on the pending master bike and pedestrian plan is that Goleta has a profound problem with pedestrian and bike access across the 101 with particular issues at Storke and Fairview. Despite city efforts to make these overpasses safer for bikes and pedestrians, they remain dangerous and a major impediment to reducing car trips in favor bikes and walking, and in creating safe routes to school, such as across 101 to Dos Pueblos high school.

I am concerned that adding another car overpass will present the same problems by further prioritizing car access over all other modes. The lack of clarity on where the overpass would be, and the high costs are other concerns.

Please consider a less costly bike/pedestrian only overpass or underpass as a project alternative.

Regards,

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