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Subject: comment for 9/3 city council meeting

HI there,

please accept my attached letter into public comment.

Thank you very much,

Jessie

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Jessica Altstatt

City of Goleta City Council

August 29, 2019

Re: Item B.5 19-416 Updated and New Speed Surveys
Engineering and Traffic Study for Hollister from Fairview to Kellogg

Dear Mayor, City Council Members and City staff-

I am writing to **thank you** for keeping the speed limit on Hollister from Fairview to Kellogg (through Old Town) at 25 mph. I live in this neighborhood and I drive, walk and cycle this stretch daily. When I drive, I am sure to observe the posted speed limit and I am always the slowest driver. When I am on my bike heading to my job and need to cross at a block without a signal, it takes many minutes for there to be a safe lapse in traffic to cross the intersection. When drivers approach this section of Hollister from the west, where the speed is posted at 45 mph, they usually continue at that speed through the intersection with Fairview for at least a block until they encounter other traffic and are forced to slow down. Sometimes they just keep going at a high speed- I see this every day. I often wonder what sort of signage or rumble-strips could be employed to alert these drivers to slow down- because the posted 25 mph signs do not appear to work.

The study notes 'high numbers pedestrians and cyclists along the roadway'. However, the engineering data sheet makes no mention of the multiple crosswalks. This is a business and shopping district as well as a transportation corridor. There are also people trying to cross the street, look for parking and parallel park, make deliveries, get to school, walk with shopping bags or strollers, catch the bus, etc. There are also disabled people in this neighborhood that need additional time in crossing the street and speeding vehicles put these people at greater risk.

Given 25 accidents in three years on this stretch (including fatal accidents), something additional needs to be done. Considering that this is a shopping area in a particularly dense part of town where not everyone has a car and that a stated goal of the City is to increase participation in alternative transportation, I ask that additional attention and thought be given in how to slow vehicle traffic through Old Town to increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists and to make this area more attractive for business.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Jessie

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