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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Santa Cruz Ave Corridor (SCA) Task Force we respectfully request that you allocate \$235,000 so that we may complete our work to make a heavily congested and dangerous stretch of road safer and more usable for all. DPW traffic studies show that about 50,000 cars go through the intersection of Santa Cruz Ave and Alameda (the Y) a day with half continuing on to Santa Cruz Ave and half to Alameda. During a four-week period of 2017, there were accidents occurring on a weekly basis, including at crosswalks heavily used by children walking to school.

In April 2017 you approved \$78,000 to study the issues. While we greatly appreciate this previous investment, it is critical that you continue to support our efforts so that we can complete this process that is well underway. Since our first monthly meeting in October 2017, Task Force members have invested significant time (ranging between 2-40+ hours a month) and energy in this process. We are at the critical juncture of now gathering input directly from corridor residence and cyclists and motorists passing through the area. This is the culmination of much internal discussion around trade-offs associated with various roadway design options, reviewing research and data that address the differing users needs, and investigating the implications on such approaches to the various stakeholder groups and jurisdictions that use and oversee the Corridor.

The members of the Task Force are a diverse group of people and are deeply committed to the democratic process of working together to identify the best path forward to making this corridor safer. The Task Force includes representation from homeowners, City of Menlo Park, SMC DPW, Fire, Police, Sheriff's Office, Highway Patrol, and Silicon Valley Bike Coalition, and Parents for Safe Routes to School.

The Task Force is at a critical juncture of realizing the benefits from the time invested and the diversity of input, which will yield an actionable list of recommendations and design options to address the multiple safety issues. Without the budget approval, the County of San Mateo will lose the engagement of, and momentum created by, the Task Force leaving a heavily used roadway in a dangerous design and full of safety risks.

Providing the funding will mean:

- Integrating survey results from community members about their safety priorities

- Drawing on the hundreds of hours of research by the Task Force to create a list of recommendations for designing safety improvements
- DPW engaging with consultants to create 3 Design Options to review with the larger community
- Presenting the design options to the West Menlo Park Community, commuters, and bicyclists to review and vote on the design options
- DPW submitting the final design option to grants to receive funding to move forward with the safety improvements
- Improved safety for the thousands of West Menlo Park residents who live along this corridor, as well as the commuters both motor vehicle and cyclists who travel through this area.

Please look at the website to learn more and the meeting minutes are available as well at: (<http://publicworks.smcgov.org/santa-cruz-avenue-corridor-study>).

We encourage you to allocate \$235,000 so that this heavily congested and dangerous stretch of road can be made safer and more usable for all.

Respectfully,

Members of the Santa Cruz/Alameda Corridor Task Force:

Molly Glennen (Santa Cruz Ave/ADP "Y")
 Jen Wolosin (Parents for Safe Routes)
 Cheryl Cho-Phan (Santa Cruz Ave/Sand Hill Ave)
 Ron Snow (University Park)
 John Loughlin (Walking Constituents)
 Gwen Leonard (Menlo Commons)
 John Langbein (Cycling Constituents)
 Troy Hayes (Royal Oaks neighborhood)

Janet Davis (Driving Constituents)
 Alex Komoroske (Santa Cruz Ave/ Sharon Road)
 Hillary Stevenson CHP (Liberty Park/ Alameda)
 SMC Sheriff's Office
 Menlo Police Department
 SMC DPW
 Menlo Fire District
 Menlo Public Works