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Subject: Council Meeting September 21, 2016 Item #2: Reject Pavement Resurfacing Bid
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Doug Muirhead, a resident of Morgan Hill, for:
Morgan Hill City Council
Meeting September 21, 2016
Item #2: Reject Pavement Resurfacing Bid

Dear Morgan Hill City Council,

Soapbox: If we want people to be mobile other than in vehicles, we need to talk about capabilities and improvements at every opportunity. The Morgan Hill Capital Improvement Program and City Council Pavement Resurfacing projects fail to mention Complete Streets elements such as bicycle lane striping and detector loops during street restorations.

The scope of work for this project is to include asphalt concrete (AC) overlay, full depth AC pavement repair, cold planing, raising iron, slurry and crack sealing, and striping. The same words were used for the 2015 project for upper E. Dunne which actually included changing the road shoulder to a bike lane. I only learned of the bike details from a MTC OBAG II Complete Streets Checklist which was required to be reviewed by our Congestion Management Agency's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

In reviewing the Construction Drawings for this project, included in the bid package posted to Public Purchase, I saw bike facilities (bike lane signs and detector loops). Responding to my questions, Senior Engineer Creer stated that "the goal will be to enhance bicycle safety on this section of Hill Road when we are done with the project".

My specific questions and (his responses) follow:

1) Question: Will the detector wiring conduits be visible after resurfacing?

Adding Bike Icon over detector would be essential if not.

(Yes, the loops will be cut into the top of the new pavement.)

2) Request: Add Bike Loop and Icon in bike lane.

(This is a possibility depending upon how the final striping is laid out.)

3) Question: What is minimum width for a bike lane?

(4 feet where there is no curb & gutter.)

Can we steal some space from the western side to create a lane on the eastern (north-bound) side?

(The goal will be to try and accomplish this. We will work with the striping contractor on the project to see if this is possible.)

(The 2016 Pavement Resurfacing Project is not funded with OBAG funds.)

Please include bicycle facilities in the summary and description of projects such as this one in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.