

Rosemary Balsley

From: Philip Boutelle <philboutelle@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 9:44 PM
To: City Council
Subject: 4/25/2021 Item 38. West Cliff Drive Adaptation

Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to provide comment and make a request about item 38, West Cliff Drive Adaptation and Management Plan: a Public Works Plan. Please adopt the plan as presented, but also direct staff to add *One-way Traffic with Enhanced Bicycling Facility (Alternative 2)* to the unfunded CIP list, and send Alternative 2 back to the Transportation and Public Works Commission (TPWC) for further consideration, via a public hearing, to gather community feedback on whether to prioritize this plan for early adoption.

The plan presented a very compelling option with Alternative 2, and we shouldn't have to wait until West Cliff Drive falls into the ocean before we pursue it further. This alternative would decrease conflicts between bikes and pedestrians, as well as between bikes/peds and cars, and was drafted to comply with Fire Department standards. One thing that became clear during the pandemic is that the existing multi-use path on West Cliff Drive is inadequate; it's just too narrow for everyone who wants to use it. Taking out a lane of traffic to make room for additional users is a reasonable next step for the users we have now.

Note that this plan is supported by multiple city policies (enhancing multi-modal access and safety is prioritized in the general plan, climate action plan, and vision zero policy). The TPWC has Alternative 2 under consideration on our draft Annual Work Plan, and the Public Works department has applied for a grant to fund enhanced bike/ped connections in between West Cliff and the Rail Trail, along Natural Bridges Drive and Swanton Boulevard. Even the Coastal Commission has been more supportive of enhanced bike/ped facilities for public access; if we can bring back a bikeshare program, this could make West Cliff a destination for people, without the need for their cars.

There will be reasonable neighborhood pushback about the traffic impacts. This can be adequately mitigated by making it less inviting to drive through the neighborhoods with traffic calming and street diversions. The circulation plan should focus on moving auto traffic back to Mission Street, again with traffic calming along the way. The point is, this is a solvable problem and shouldn't be enough to dismiss this concept; we need without community input and a detailed plan.

Thank you for considering this idea, and I hope that Alternative 2 can be back in front of the TPWC again soon for another look.

-Philip Boutelle
Chair, Transportation and Public Works Commission

Rosemary Balsley

From: Charlie Vaske <charlie@seavaske.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:01 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Donna Meyers; Sonja Brunner; Sandy Brown; Justin Cummings; Renee Golder; Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson; Martine Watkins
Subject: Westcliff adaptation plan: please accelerate Alternative 2, one-way traffic with enhanced bicycling facility

Dear Council members,

As a resident that frequently drives, walks, and bicycles on West Cliff Dr, I urge you to take this opportunity to make car traffic one-way, adapting one car-traffic lane for bicycles. This will greatly enhance the ability of all users of West Cliff Dr to enjoy it, with less conflict, and more safety. Enhancing multimodal access is crucial during the 2020s, as we have precious few years to drastically reduce emissions to respond to climate change.

Accelerating Alternative 2 for West Cliff Drive is an essential change that we must adopt to build a better future.

Kind regards,
-Charlie

Charles Vaske
104 Flower St
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kathy Haber <dannynor@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:34 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Kathy Haber
Santa Cruz city

Rosemary Balsley

From: jfbergs <jfbergs@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:35 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Joel Steinberg, MD

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jan Karwin <jankarwin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:39 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Drive

Dear Council Members,

I support the Transportation Commission Chair's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Drive Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Sincerely,

Jan Karwin
Santa Cruz city resident

Rosemary Balsley

From: Susan Renison <passerinus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I strongly support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan.

The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Susan Renison
209 Northrop Pl
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Michele Jaeger <michele.a.jaeger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:42 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Michele Jaeger, Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Aviva Longinotti <avivalonginotti@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:42 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars.

The one way traffic on East Cliff seems to work well. Let's talk about it now instead of waiting until there is a tragic accident or the cliffs fall in sooner and more dramatically than expected.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Aviva

Rosemary Balsley

From: Doug Engfer <doug@engfer.org>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:46 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. I bike West Cliff at least once per week, avoiding the multi-use path in order to free it up for walkers, etc. The existing traffic lanes and parking patterns make cycling along West Cliff more dangerous than it needs to be. A single-traffic-lane vehicle pattern works Just Fine down at Pleasure Point; I'm sure it will work equally well here in Santa Cruz.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Doug Engfer

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sarah Rabkin <srabkin57@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:47 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Sarah Rabkin

Rosemary Balsley

From: Curt Simmons <curtsimmons@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:53 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Curt Simmons

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ron Munger <rmunger@TNC.ORG>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:56 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Please consider making West Cliff safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and other users

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Drive Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

I have a personal interest in the proposal to convert one of the two lanes of West Cliff Drive into a bicyclist lane. I bicycle along West Cliff almost every day to get exercise and fresh air as a break from working in my home office. One day last April I noticed there were just too many pedestrians using the path to bicycle there safely so I bicycled on the road, only to be toppled from my bike by a careless driver who opened his car door without looking. I suffered a concussion and was taken to Dominican for treatment. Ever since then I stick to bicycling on the path but find it increasingly difficult to do so safely due to the congestion of users.

I urge you, please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Ron Munger
319 Gharkey Street
831-421-9678

Rosemary Balsley

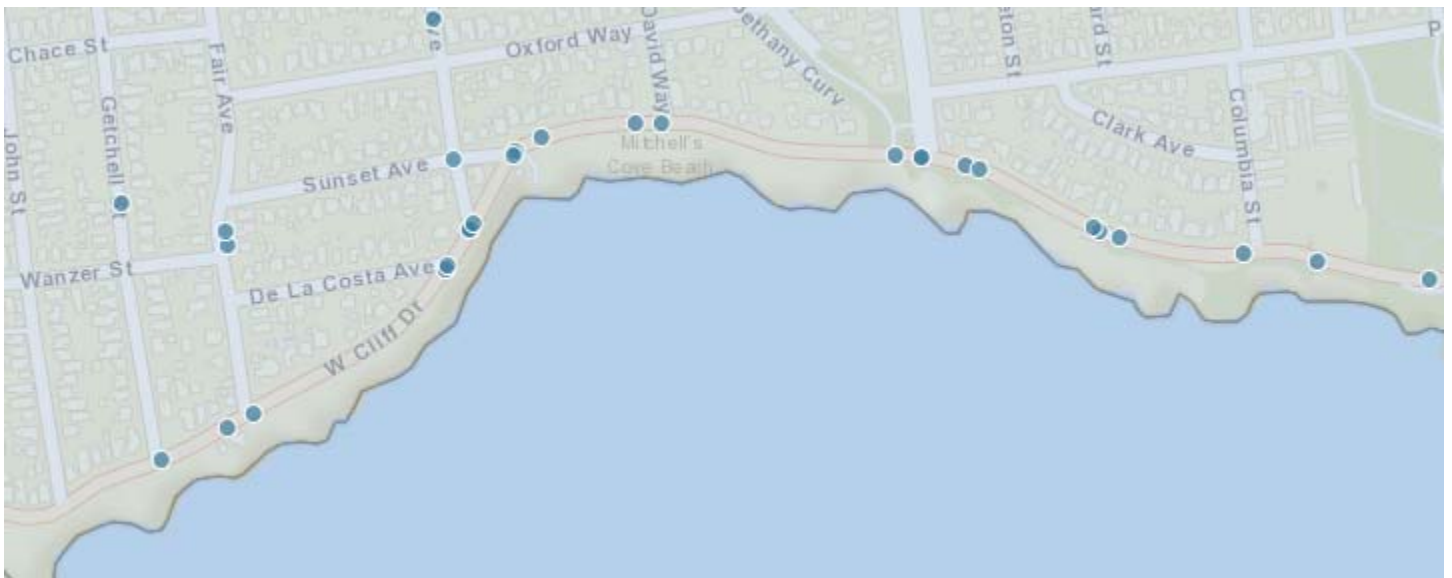
From: Rick Longinotti <longinotti@baymoon.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:59 AM
To: City Council
Cc: TPWC
Subject: West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan

Dear Council Members,

West Cliff Dr. must be among the most popular recreations spots in our city. Unfortunately, the safety and comfort of walking on West Cliff is often diminished by the fact that bicyclists use the same path as pedestrians. Gratefully, we now have a plan for improving the enjoyment of West Cliff for the thousands of people who use it.

The image below represents collision data on W. Cliff from 2010-2020 from the TIMS mapping program. Early adoption of the Adaptation Plan's Alternative 2, with one vehicle lane and a dedicated lane for bicyclists will make the street safer for all users. Please ask the Transportation and Public Works Commission to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 for West Cliff Dr.

Thank you,
Rick



Rosemary Balsley

From: phil rockey <philrockey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:06 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Phil and Marilyn Rockey

Rosemary Balsley

From: Janet Swann <janeteswann@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:08 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

I have used West Cliff daily for over 35 years. I walk it and bike it and drive it. Every single time in each of these different modes I have had an "incident". Most have been annoying, some have been harrowing and a few have been near death while riding a bike on the street in tight traffic. I, in fact, have not ridden my bicycle on the path for many years but instead ride in the street which poses dangers due to the narrowness, the distraction of drivers taking in the view and the lack of room for bikes on the road. As a walker, I have had a bike or two bump into me, run me off the path, ring their bell or say "on your left" like I'm supposed to jump into the ice plants to give them right of way. (As a biker I know you are to slow and wait to pass pedestrians like you would slow as a vehicle driver and share the road with bikes but bikers often don't know the rules on the path.)

When the city talks about economic development it often focuses only on Pacific Mall and Canfield land. WestCliff is overlooked. But out-of-towners do flock here simply to walk Westcliff and enjoy the ocean too. Many will stay and eat dinner or take in a movie etc. Why not make the experience enjoyable for all by creating a bike lane, walking path and one-way car lane.

It's time.

Thank you,

Janet Swann

Rosemary Balsley

From: Crystal Hawley <hawleyc48@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:09 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Christine Hawley

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ross Gibson <rossericgibson@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:09 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Keep West Cliff Drive as is

Dear Council Members

West Cliff Drive has a rich and diverse array of ways to enjoy it. The Bike/Pedestrian path is popular with walkers, joggers, skaters, baby strollers, and wheel chairs. Once on the path, there is no cross street between the wharf and Natural Bridges.

Often, the path is rather empty, making it easy for bicycles to use it. If crowds form, bicyclists like myself, leave the path and ride in the street. I don't find this a problem. Either traffic is sparse, making for easy travel, or cars are bumper to bumper slowing traffic, making it easy for bicycles.

The street called West Cliff Drive is a popular attraction for tourists and locals alike. It is a showplace for classical car clubs, motorcycle and scooter clubs, which only adds to the attractions of the West Cliff experience.

Having taken care of the disabled, and been associated with the Cabrillo College Stroke Center, I know how important having auto access to West Cliff Drive is for the disabled, as it is not always pleasant weather, or easy for some disabilities, to get out on the path, but the sights can still be enjoyed from a car. May people take the drive in both directions, because the views are different looking east, or looking west.

Because of the current vitality of West Cliff Drive, I prefer not to change its existing traffic patterns. I'm unaware of specific trouble spots, but if there are such, they should be dealt with individually, rather than resort to a complete make-over.

Best regards
Ross Gibson

Rosemary Balsley

From: Terry Tiedeman <tat7776@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:14 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Rosemary Balsley

From: Richard Stover <rjs@skyhighway.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:14 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe W. Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Richard Stover

Rosemary Balsley

From: DAVID LAUGHLIN <dlaughlin@ebold.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:19 AM
To: City Council
Subject: LANE REDUCTION

Hi Council members. Reducing the conflict between vehicles and walkers, joggers, bicyclists and every body else makes sense to me. It might also reduce the amount of traffic in other nearby areas. So why not act, even with temporary barriers to see how it works.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Paula Mack <mattsonc@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:20 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you, Paula Mack

Rosemary Balsley

From: Richard Marlais <rmarlais@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:20 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr....It's about time something be done for the safety of bicycles and pedestrians.

Dear Council Members, I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Right now bicycles are being forced off of the path on to west cliff drive, slowing down auto traffic and endangering bicyclists.

Thank you,

Rick Marlais

Rosemary Balsley

From: Roscoe VanHorne <roscoeva@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:33 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

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Roscoe VanHorne
Cyclist & Pedestrian
Ph (831) 336-9294
Ben Lomond

Rosemary Balsley

From: doug rosener <dougplant0@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:33 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

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Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Doug Rosener

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jonathan Coleman <jtcoleman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:35 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

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During our discussion of this topic at the TPW Commission meeting I kept coming back to the irony that we are waiting for catastrophic climate changes to destroy part of West Cliff, rather than proactively designing our city to reduce the very greenhouse gases that are creating the catastrophe. I understand this is a political issue, and that it would be contentious. I hope that strong leadership from the council to take action to simultaneously fight climate change and improve one of our major tourist draws would mitigate some of the concerns.

Thank you,

Jonathan Coleman
Transportation and Public Works Commissioner

Rosemary Balsley

From: Erica Stanojevic <ericast@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:42 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

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Thank you,
Erica Stanojevic

Rosemary Balsley

From: Andrew Etringer <andrew.etringer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:46 AM
To: City Council
Subject: West Cliff Dr. safety

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

I bicycle and run (in pre-COVID times) along West Cliff regularly. IMO there is not enough space for pedestrians currently, and the obvious solution is to limit car-traffic in some way. Having less cars using the road will benefit everyone (improved safety for all) and everything (better air quality, less noise pollution).

Thank you,

Andrew Etringer
145 Dufour St.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mitchell lachman <shevat117@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:48 AM
To: City Council
Subject: West Cliff redo

I do not support a change to West Cliff road way, instead bulk head from ocean erosion. I dont want redirection of traffic.onto adjacent residential streets. That affects me and multitude of others- residents.

Good bye, Mitchell Lachman

Rosemary Balsley

From: Joel Isaacson <emmaho@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Joel Isaacson

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sheila Carrillo <escuelita@baymoon.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:24 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Hold hearing for Alternative 2 on Westcliff Dr.

I have long hoped for this kind of solution to biking and walking with safety in this most beautiful spot.

Thanks,

Sheila Carrillo
City Resident

Rosemary Balsley

From: Marion Shonick <mshonick@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:27 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Marion Shonick
222 Sunset Ave.
SC

Rosemary Balsley

From: Masao Drexel <masaodrexel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:29 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

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Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Masao Drexel

Rosemary Balsley

From: Don Monkerud <monkerud@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:33 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Bikes on West Cliff

Dear City Council,

Every time I walk on West Cliff, I see bikes rocket past, even electric ones. I cringe that someone else is going to get hit, or me.

Please consider banning bikes from the sidewalks. Also electric bikes and those electric fat mobiles that tourist use so they don't have to walk.

They are accidents waiting to happen.

I did yell at someone and they stopped and wanted to give me a problem. Now I'm afraid to say anything to them.

best, Don Monkerud

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SC, 95062
831.239.1688

Don Monkerud
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Karen Warren <kcruz@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:34 AM
To: City Council
Subject: safety on W. Cliff Dr.

Dear City Council Members,

I have been a Santa Cruz County resident for 50 years, and for the last decade I have been alarmed about the dangers of walking and cycling on W. Cliff Dr.

Walking and cycling on W. Cliff have been favorite recreational activities for me and my family. However, in the past few years, due to fear of broken bones from being hit by speeding cyclists, my 80-year-old parents had to stop walking on W. Cliff.

Many cyclists are now riding heavy, fast electric bikes, so I also avoid walking on W. Cliff.

Cycling on the path can be dangerous as well because unaware walkers will step into the path of a cyclist. Families with small children enjoy walking and both toddlers and cyclists could be injured by a child darting into the path of a bike.

Many other communities, such as Monterey/Pacific Grove) have separated paths for walking and cycling for the safety of all concerned.

Walkers should not be afraid to use this beautiful scenic path due to fear of injury from cyclists.

Please move quickly toward early adoption of the Adaptation Plan's Alternative 2, with one vehicle lane and a dedicated lane for bicyclists to make the street safer for all users. Please ask the Transportation and Public Works Commission to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 for West Cliff Dr.

Also, please add more bike lockers on W. Cliff so we can safely lock our bikes while enjoying the beaches.

thank you—

Karen Warren

134 Miles St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Prema Pam Keachie <izzle@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:45 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members, I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption. Thank you,

**Pam Keachie, RN
Capitola**

Rosemary Balsley

From: Karen Kaplan <kaplank@hotmai.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:59 AM
To: City Council; manu.koenig@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; Second District Supervisor Zach Friend -; Ryan Coonerty; Supervisor-Greg Caput; Supervisor - Bruce McPherson
Subject: Pedestrian & Bicycle Safe West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz

Dear Mayor, Santa Cruz City Council & Supervisors:
RE: Pedestrian & Bicycle Safe West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz

Please design West Cliff Drive to be safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

West Cliff Drive is the most popular and scenic recreation spot in our city and Santa Cruz County.

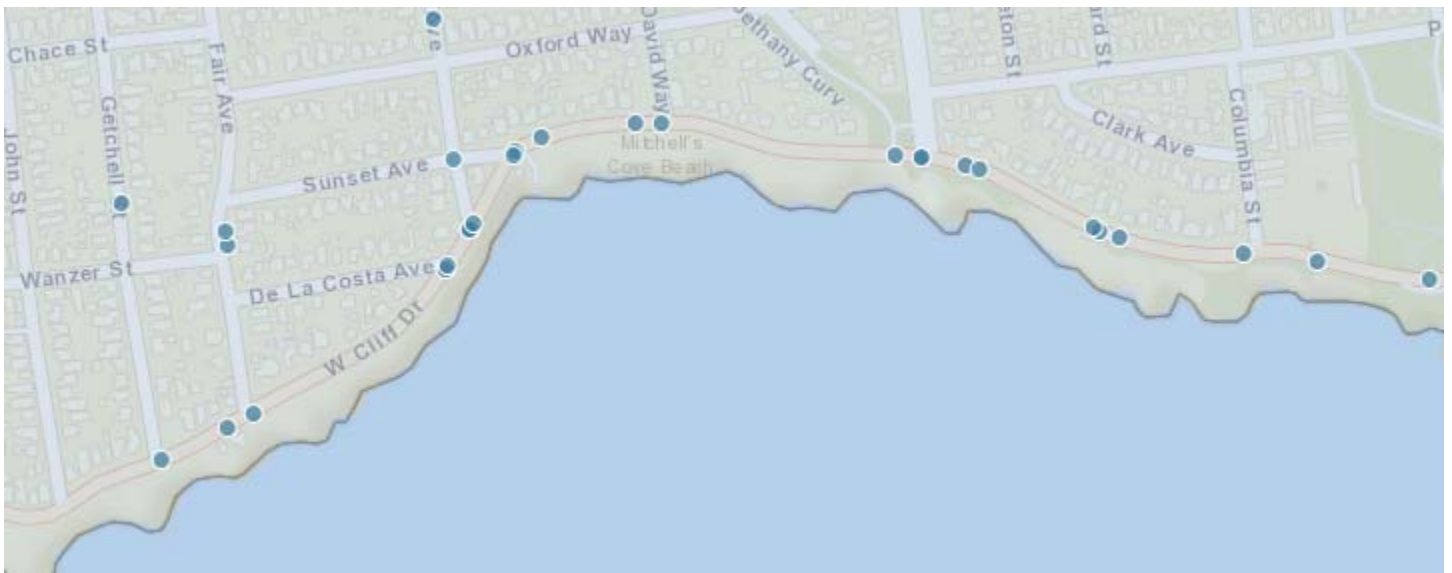
Pedestrians and bicyclists need separate paths, with a dedicated bicycle lane for safety.

Below is a map showing collision data on West Cliff Drive from 2010-2020.

Please schedule a hearing with the Transportation and Public Works Commission ASAP.

Thank you for your immediate consideration, especially since the summer season will be here soon.

*Sincerely,
Karen Kaplan
Resident of Santa Cruz County Since 1974.*



Rosemary Balsley

From: Connie <camt@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 12:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Connie Wilson

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: cookconstr@cruzio.com
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 12:23 PM
To: City Council
Subject: A Safer West Cliff Dr.

To: CityCouncil@cityofsantacruz.com
Subject: Safe W. Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

We need more safe places for active transport. Let's not wait any longer for this. I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Bill Cook

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sylvia Caras <Sylvia.Caras@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 12:24 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Pedestrian friendly West Cliff

Pls gather input via a public hearing of the Transportation Committee and the Public Works Committee about more pedestrian-friendly streets, starting with West Cliff Drive.

Sylvia Caras
City of Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: katharine@cruzio.com
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 12:25 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe W. Cliff Dr.

To: CityCouncil@cityofsantacruz.com

Subject: Safe W. Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Katharine Herndon
Santa Cruz

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From: lbeyea@cruzio.com
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 12:45 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

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Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Len Beyea

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dana Bagshaw <cdbagshaw@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 1:35 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

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Let's get bicycles off the sidewalk and into a bike lane in the street, with one-way traffic for cars.

Dana Bagshaw

Rosemary Balsley

From: Grant <grrrant@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 1:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Make West Cliff Drive Safer!

Dear Council Members,

As a cyclist, a pedestrian and a driver, I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Grant Wilson
832 Riverside Ave
SC CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

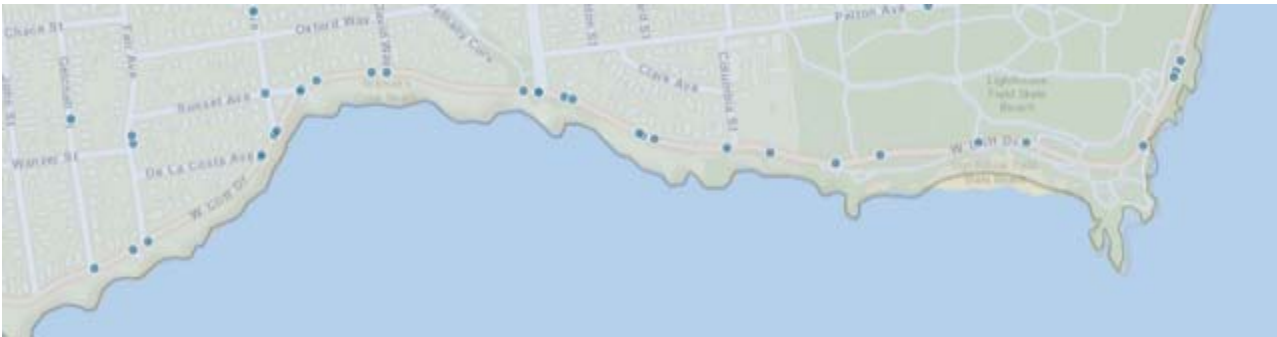
From: David Shaw <daveshawlistens@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 2:18 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Pedestrian-safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

West Cliff Dr. must be among the most popular recreations spots in our city. Unfortunately, the safety and comfort of walking on West Cliff is often diminished by the fact that bicyclists use the same path as pedestrians. Gratefully, we now have a plan for improving the enjoyment of West Cliff for the thousands of people who use it.

The image below represents collision data on W. Cliff from 2010-2020 from the TIMS mapping program. Early adoption of the Adaptation Plan's Alternative 2, with one vehicle lane and a dedicated lane for bicyclists will make the street safer for all users. Please ask the Transportation and Public Works Commission to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 for West Cliff Dr.

Thank you,
David Shaw



Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancy Maynard <mtnmom3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 2:59 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr. Make it safe

Dear Council Members,

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Thank you,
Nancy Maynard

Rosemary Balsley

From: Penny Hargrove <phargrove82@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:01 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Justin Tucker <jrtucker@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

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Thank you,
Justin

Rosemary Balsley

From: Debbie Bulger <dfbulger@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:17 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Pedestrian Safety on West Cliff Drive
Attachments: Westcliff Drive.pdf

Please accept the attached letter to Councilmembers regarding pedestrian safety on West Cliff Drive

Thank you

Mission: Pedestrian

An organization of neighbors and business people seeking to improve the pedestrian environment in Santa Cruz
1603 King Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 www.missionped.org

April 26, 2021

Dear Councilmembers,

Re: West Cliff Drive Adaptation Plan

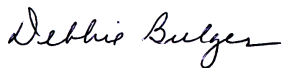
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We urge you to support this active transportation project ASAP without waiting for West Cliff to fall into the Bay.

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Sincerely yours,



Debbie Bulger, Coordinator *for* Mission: Pedestrian

Mission: Pedestrian



Rosemary Balsley

From: Devi Tong <deviram@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:21 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

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Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Devi Tong RN

Rosemary Balsley

From: chatrabbi@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:53 PM
To: City Council; manu.koenig@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; zach.friend@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; ryan.coonerty@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; greg.caput@co.santa-cruz.ca.us; bruce.mcpherson@santacruzcounty.us
Cc: kaplanks@hotmail.com; micahposner@cruzio.com
Subject: Re: Pedestrian & Bicycle Safe West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz DE Posner

I totally agree with Karen's appeal and thank her for her making the appeal. Phil Posner.

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Kaplan <kaplanks@hotmail.com>
To: SC City Council <citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com>; manu.koenig@co.santa-cruz.ca.us <manu.koenig@co.santa-cruz.ca.us>; Second District Supervisor Zach Friend - <zach.friend@co.santa-cruz.ca.us>; Ryan Coonerty <ryan.coonerty@co.santa-cruz.ca.us>; Supervisor-Greg Caput <greg.caput@co.santa-cruz.ca.us>; Supervisor - Bruce McPherson <bruce.mcpherson@santacruzcounty.us>
Sent: Mon, Apr 26, 2021 11:58 am
Subject: Pedestrian & Bicycle Safe West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz

Dear Mayor, Santa Cruz City Council & Supervisors:
RE: Pedestrian & Bicycle Safe West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz

Please design West Cliff Drive to be safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

West Cliff Drive is the most popular and scenic recreation spot in our city and Santa Cruz County.

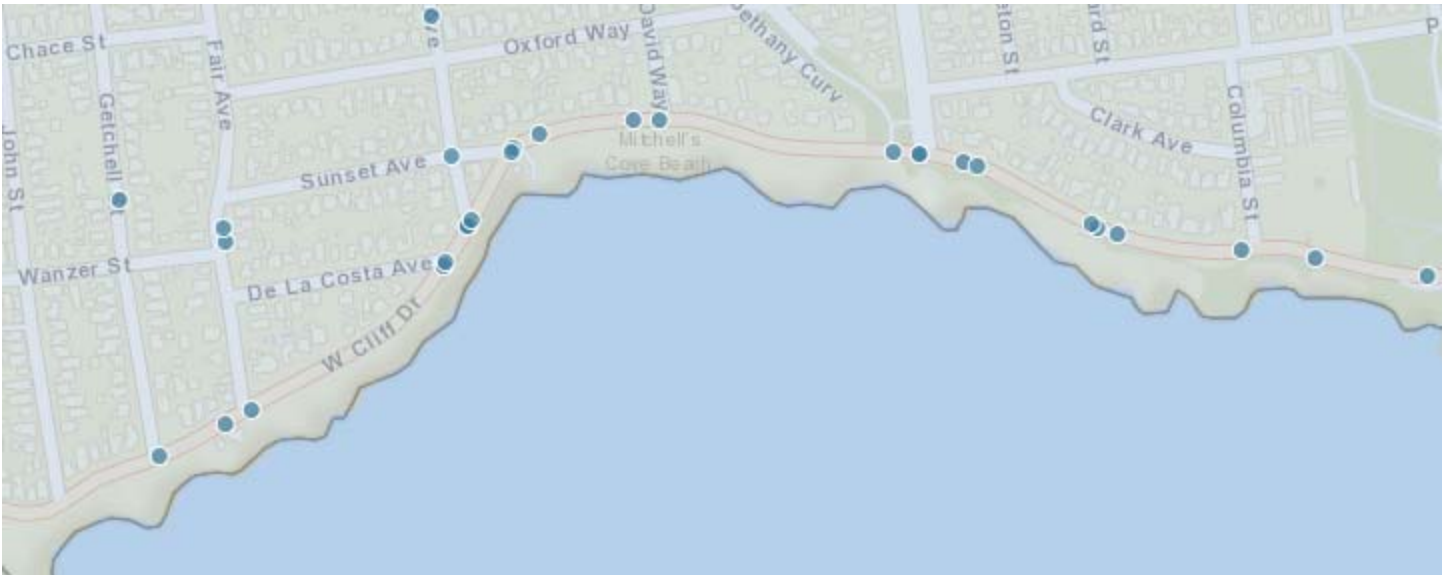
Pedestrians and bicyclists need separate paths, with a dedicated bicycle lane for safety.

Below is a map showing collision data on West Cliff Drive from 2010-2020.

Please schedule a hearing with the Transportation and Public Works Commission ASAP.

Thank you for your immediate consideration, especially since the summer season will be here soon.

*Sincerely,
Karen Kaplan
Resident of Santa Cruz County Since 1974.*



Rosemary Balsley

From: Eloise Naman <eloise@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:01 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Eloise Naman

Rosemary Balsley

From: David Mintz <davemintz1112@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

This should be done NOW. West Cliff can be a one way area and allow for non-polluting transportation. We need to be BOLD

Thank you,

Make the world a better place

David Mintz
[319 Younglove Ave. Santa Cruz, CA. 95060](#)
714 351 3836

... originally cared for by the Uypi Tribe of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

Rosemary Balsley

From: Steve Lustgarden <slustgarden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:10 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

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Thank you,
Steve Lustgarden
Susan Kauffman
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Andy Carman <rokamon@baymoon.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 5:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

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Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Andy Carman
231 Sunset Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Meghan Arnold <mcarnold@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 5:29 PM
To: Donna Meyers; Sonja Brunner; Sandy Brown; Justin Cummings; Renee Golder; Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson; Martine Watkins; City Council
Subject: Support for West Cliff Drive Climate Adaptation Plan Alternative 2

Mayor and Council,

As a resident of the westside, I'd like to write in support about item 38: West Cliff Drive Adaptation and Management Plan. Please adopt the plan as presented and also direct staff to add Alternative 2 and send it back to the TPW Committee for consideration on prioritizing the plan for early adoption.

I ran and biked frequently on the West Cliff path at the beginning of the pandemic, but as Santa Cruz opened back up it became a source of anxiety for me because the current path is too small and does not support an influx of visitors and residents. There is barely room for pedestrians on the path, nevermind bikes too. We should focus our efforts to accommodate both modes of transport. This can be done by taking out a lane of traffic on West Cliff. If Santa Cruz is actually serious about climate change, we should prioritize people power and not fossil fuels.

Thank you for your consideration,
Meghan Arnold
200 California St.

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pronouns: she/hers

Rosemary Balsley

From: Altaira Hatton <altaira5hatton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 5:35 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

As a regular user of West Cliff, I can say that at present it does not feel safe to ride in the car lane a bicycle or wheelchair user, and it is difficult to ride slowly enough to keep pace with the walkers on the trail. This causes so many conflicts between pedestrians and people on wheels.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Altaira Hatton

Rosemary Balsley

From: Judy Cassada <expresso76@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 5:38 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I hope this finds you well! I am writing to support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is an incredibly popular public recreation area that that necessitates an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Best wishes,

Judy Cassada, (831) 479-7491
PO Box 1363
Capitola, CA 95010

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ann Simonton <mwatch@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 5:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: West Cliff proposal

Dear Council Members,

I ride my bike and walk West Cliff Dr. regularly. It is so DANGEROUS with people on bikes going fast and groups of people going slow. If someone has a dog on a long leash it is a recipe for disaster. Lately, I just stay on the road if I am on the bicycle and the road has become a drag racing spot for crazy motorists. I hope you could get rid of the cars altogether and just allow walkers, bicycles. I understand that the community is worried about cars driving through their areas but if there were ZERO cars that would be the very best for everyone to enjoy this wonderful spot on the earth. Thank you for making it one lane and hopefully eventually no cars-- just walkers and bicyclists in different lanes completely. In Montreal they have two way bike lanes that go along the roads it makes so much sense.

Thanks for making West Cliff safer for us to use!!

Thank you all for your hard work, Ann Simonton

Rosemary Balsley

From: Cher Bergeon <cbergeon@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 6:08 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

The current West Cliff path proved too narrow for me to use safely as a pedestrian this past COVID year. I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians now and into the future.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Cher Bergeon

Rosemary Balsley

From: Gillian Greensite <gilliangreensite@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 6:53 PM
To: City Council
Subject: West Cliff Drive Management Plan

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for this project. Congratulations to Dr. Tiffany Wise-West and the team for its completion within a tight timeline.

There is much to digest in the report. One important issue has not been given prominence and might easily be overlooked. It should be a key variable in the discussion of monitoring, triggers and options. I reference it here to ensure it is part of the public record. I'm referring to the 5 foot easement that applies to all properties facing West Cliff Drive. It is briefly listed under 4.5 Monitoring and Triggers but lacks detail and discussion. That an extra five feet of public right of way is available along West Cliff should erosion and cliff failure necessitate moving the path and road inland is no small item. It should be as prominent as the lengthy references to making West Cliff one-way to traffic.

Whenever members of TAC were invited to give input I included this easement and asked for it to be better highlighted. I also included a caution about the impact of making West Cliff one-way on the lower westside residential streets and neighborhoods that lie behind West Cliff Drive. Such a major traffic diversion while appealing to those who live elsewhere, will have massive impacts on the livability of the lower westside and opposition is guaranteed to be vehement. Claiming the rightful easement from properties along West Cliff may not appeal to those property owners, but they are aware of such easement since it would have been revealed in the sale or acquisition of the property. It is beholden on the city to acknowledge its legal right to such easement and include it as a prominent option in the context of this report.

In future, whenever there is a discussion of making West Cliff one-way, the five foot easement along West Cliff should be an alternative so both can be discussed and evaluated in public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian

Rosemary Balsley

From: Tim Brattan <timbrattan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 7:46 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

We support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular coastal recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,

Tim Brattan & Suzi Mahler
City of Santa Cruz residents

Rosemary Balsley

From: Judy Pisano <judypisano@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 7:57 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

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Thank you,

Judith Pisano
190 Walnut Avenue
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Gillian Greensite <gilliangreensite@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 8:05 PM
To: City Council; Donna Meyers; Sonja Brunner; Sandy Brown; Justin Cummings; Renee Golder; Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson; Martine Watkins
Subject: West Cliff Drive Management Plan (WCDMP): Critical to Keep the Ice Plant

Dear Mayor and Council members,

The plan to remove the ice plant from the bluff tops along West Cliff Drive as outlined in the WCDMP is a big mistake. The predictable result will be accelerated erosion. The same ice plant removal was done along the bluff top at Wilder Ranch State Park. The result? A year later the bluff collapsed. If you want to hasten bluff erosion go ahead but don't be surprised at the outcome. I recommend you get a second opinion on the plant removal and erosion issue. The rat issue, if a problem won't be solved by removing the ice plant. Bluff failure from ice plant is overstated. I know these coves well. The ice-plant falls when sections of bluff fail, not the reverse and that is not a common event. Some of the ice plant is native. Most is South African. Many love the low profile and pink carpet that the ice plant provides.

I hope you will carefully read the letter from Ross Gibson. It was buried among the form letters calling for a WCD lane closed to east bound traffic. Mr. Gibson's point about access is vital to take to heart. Those calling for one lane closed to traffic are thinking of their own pleasure without thought to those who cannot easily walk along West Cliff, nor are they thinking of the impact on the lower west side of the thousands of diverted cars.

I hope you will reconsider approving the inclusion of ice plant removal in the WCDMP. Most is not native but in this case it is serving a crucial role. It holds the fragile bluff soil together, lessening erosion. The areas where ice plant has been removed and natives planted are a sorry sight and not coincidentally, areas of new erosion.

Best regards,

Gillian

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sally Wittman <sallywittman@me.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 8:16 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd: Pedestrian Safety on West Cliff Drive
Attachments: Westcliff Drive.pdf

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I heartily agree with Mission Pedestrian's position on the West Cliff Drive plan (see below). Bicyclists are a mixed breed with regard to manners and adherence to common sense. As I grow older and worry about falls, it is sometimes terrifying to have weaving cyclists breeze by in both directions on the sidewalk when I least expect it. We really need to get sidewalk policies nailed down and consistent all over the town.

Bicyclists need to be at the edge of the street, and the street needs to be one-way to allow for cyclist space. This is long overdue.

Also, we do not need more written signs (many tourists speak other languages), people don't read them anyway.

International symbols are used all over the world, except in arrogant USA. Let's join the world of international symbols.

Thank you for your hard work. This is a difficult time for all of us. Anything that makes life safer and easier is a good move.

Sally Wittman

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April 26, 2021

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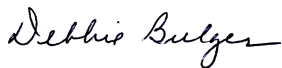
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Sincerely yours,



Debbie Bulger, Coordinator for Mission: Pedestrian

Mission: Pedestrian



Rosemary Balsley

From: Alice Lopez <enna.lopez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 8:49 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

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Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Alice Lopez

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: totolove@cruzio.com
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:22 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

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Thank you,

Sharon L. McGraham

Rosemary Balsley

From: Gillian Greensite <gilliangreensite@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:43 PM
To: City Council; Donna Meyers; Sonja Brunner; Sandy Brown; Justin Cummings; Renee Golder; Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson; Martine Watkins
Cc: griggs@ucsc.edu
Subject: Additional notes on West Cliff Drive easement

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

The following reference in the WCDMP on the issue of the West Cliff Drive easement is relevant to a discussion of alternatives. On page 58 under the topic of Setbacks (10.5.2.1) the document includes: "Updating policies and revising easement agreements to allow for the road relocation instead of sidewalks." The consultants have presented this possibility, however it has not been selected for serious consideration. Besides commenting on the Deliverables throughout this process I also attended various public meetings and participated in online public surveys. In all cases, the option of changing West Cliff Drive to a one way road was presented as an alternative while the option of moving the road mentioned in the quote above was absent. When the public is not presented with all the alternatives, conclusions cannot be viewed as valid. I urge you to bring this option to the forefront.

Respectfully submitted,
Gillian

Rosemary Balsley

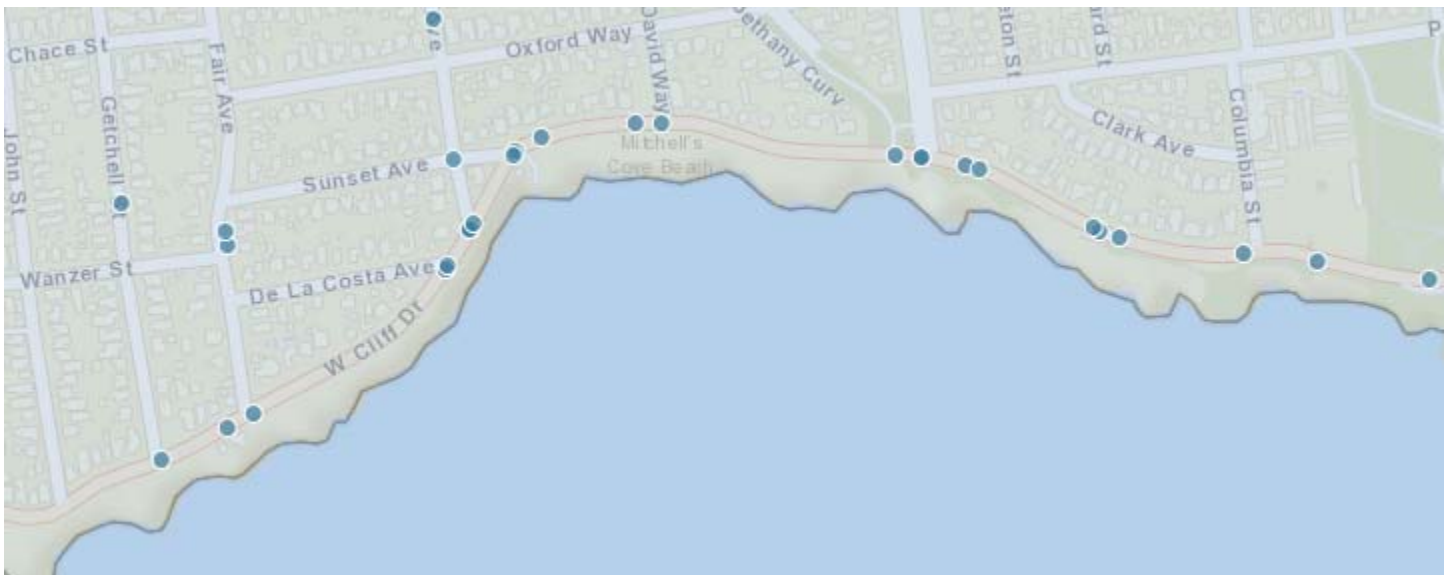
From: Jacquelyn Griffith <jkgriffith2@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:54 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please! Ask Transportation and Public Works Commission for a Hearing on ALTERNATIVE 2 on WEST CLIFF DRIVE

Dear Councilmembers,

Like so many seniors I truly need level surfaces and no fear of being made to move quickly out of the way, lest I fall or even be hit. Bikes come so fast and even a near miss leaves my heart racing. Walking on West Cliff where I've walked for 4 decades is just too much of a threat when the result would probably result in broken bones and hospitalization, or even permanent loss of independence.

The image below represents collision data on W. Cliff from 2010-2020 from the TIMS mapping program. Early adoption of the Adaptation Plan's [Alternative 2, with one vehicle lane](#) and a dedicated lane for bicyclists will make the street safer for all users, and make the sidewalk safe for pedestrians again. Please ask the Transportation and Public Works Commission to hold a hearing on [Alternative 2 for West Cliff Dr.](#)

Thank you so much,
Jacquelyn Griffith
239 Calvin Pl
Santa Cruz, CA 95060



Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Pamela Stearns Stearns <pclares327@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:48 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe West Cliff Dr.

Dear Council Members,

I support the chair of the Transportation Commission's request to hold a hearing on Alternative 2 of the West Cliff Dr. Adaptation Plan. The street is such a popular recreation area that the public needs an opportunity to consider improvements that will enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Please direct the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.

Thank you,
Phil and Pam Stearns
327 Harbor Dr.
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dan Nowacki <dan@nowacki.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:30 AM
To: City Council
Subject: West Cliff Dr Alternative 2

Dear Council Members,

I am a frequent user of West Cliff on foot, bike, and by car, and have experienced first hand what a great recreation area it is. I also have seen the impacts of erosion that have narrowed the multi-use path, making it a tighter squeeze with each passing year. **I strongly support Alternative 2** of the West Cliff Adaptation Plan and the Transportation Commission chair's request to hold a hearing on it. We need to consider improvements to enhance safety for those walking and on bikes by converting West Cliff to one-way vehicular traffic, and we shouldn't wait any longer than necessary. Please consider **directing the Commission to consider Alternative 2 for early adoption.**

Thank you,

Daniel Nowacki
Santa Cruz