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Dear Sebastopol City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As long-time residents of the Sebastopol area, we strongly oppose the removal of the existing bicycle lanes along Morris Street. This is an important on-street connector for bicyclists between the Joe Rodota Trail and the West County Trail, which is heavily used by a whole spectrum of bicycle riders (young, old, families, novice and experienced). We love living in a community where a place for RV's is provided for lower-income individuals. However, bicycle safety should not be jeopardized to make that accommodation. One alternative not mentioned in the staff report is to remove on-street parking along the west side of Morris Street only to the north of the Laguna Park Way intersection. This appears to be where the vast majority of the RV's are parked. Please consider removing the on-street parking on the west side of Morris Street in this area only (between Laguna Park Way and the south end of the Community Center parking lot) and widen the on-street parking for the RV's on the east side of the street. This option would also preserve the existing on-street parking adjacent to the Barlow on both sides of Morris Street to the south of the Laguna Park Way intersection.

Sincerely,

Steven and Andrea Schmitz