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Sent: Saturday, October 02, 2021 3:33 PM
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From: laird [REDACTED]
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As a bicycle rider and longtime resident of Sebastopol I oppose making changes to traffic Lanes on Morris street. Why is the city spending resources to promote a homeless encampment for non-tax paying citizens? With all the traffic congestion and the number of vehicles now passing through Sebastopol it is getting harder and harder to ride safely. Why are tax dollars and other resources being used to support non-tax paying non-productive citizens? I am paying hundreds of dollars per year for schools that I have no children in a hospital that I have never been able to use that is not profitable. It is time to start using your heads!

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Sent from my iPhone

Coni Ahrendt

Vision Rehabilitation Therapist

Orientation and Mobility Specialist

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My personal opinion is to remove the RV encampment. We bicycle frequently along Morris and that encampment has been there too long and seems to be growing even spilling over into the adjoining streets. Trash is everywhere. I can only imagine that the Laguna is being desecrated by feces and trash. It's very much a public safety and sanitation issue.

That encampment is a blight to the area where we have the beautiful Laguna, the community center, the baseball fields and the Barlow.

I understand that the homeless issue is very complex however, we are county taxpayers and cannot abide by our beautiful county being overrun by the homeless.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important issue.

Lisa Peters

Sent from my iPhone

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From: E. Kinoshita [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 02, 2021 10:35 AM
To: info <info@cityofsebastopol.org>
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #8

Dear Council Members,

I regularly ride Morris Street as a connector between the Joe Rodota Trail and the West County Trail to avoid the more heavily traveled downtown area. The parking of wide vehicles on the east side of Morris Street forces me to use the main portion of the street.

Replacing the Class II bicycle lanes on Morris Street with sharrows is unacceptable. Studies show that not only DON'T sharrows improve safety, they can actually REDUCE safety by providing a false sense of security.

Compromising the safety of cyclists on the West County Trail in favor of RV parking violates the City's own Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. Either follow Option 2 (removing one parking lane and widening the other) OR remove the RV encampment and keep us safe!

Sincerely,

Enoch Kinoshita

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Come on, Council!

Genevieve N. Franklin

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From: Dave de la Fuente [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2021 6:43 PM
To: info <info@cityofsebastopol.org>
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #8

Replacing the Class II bicycle lanes on Morris Street with sharrows is not an acceptable solution. Studies show that not only don't sharrows improve safety, they can actually reduce safety. Compromising the safety of cyclists on the West County Trail in favor of RV parking violates the City's own Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. I humbly request you to either follow Option 2 (removing one parking lane and widening the other) OR remove the RV encampment and keep us safe!

Thanks,
Dave de la Fuente

Sent from my TRS-80 Smartcomputer

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Sent: Friday, October 01, 2021 5:54 PM
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I biked on West County Trail last Sunday and even the current riding conditions on this section of the trail felt dangerous to ride on while I am passing by the parked RVs.

Thanks,
Pinar Ozsoy

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From: Anand Mandapati [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2021 4:43 PM
To: info <info@cityofsebastopol.org>
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #8

Hi, as a resident of Sebastopol that frequently rides on the bicycle lanes on Morris Street, I'm saddened by the proposal to replace them with "sharrows". Part of the reason I feel safe on that stretch of road that connects the Joe Rodota and West County Trails is that I'm not closely sharing the road with moving vehicles. Though I respect the right of the RVs to park there, I think a better solution to improve safety for all would be to widen the parking lane for RVs and remove the parking lane on the other side. Every time I ride by, I see few to no vehicles on that side and there's plenty of parking for the buildings already, other than possibly near the Barlow but most of the RVs are parked north of the Barlow area anyway. It seems like that's a great solution that will ensure safety and convenience for everyone while not reducing parking meaningfully.

Thanks,
[-anand](#)

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Sent: Friday, October 01, 2021 4:43 PM
To: info <info@cityofsebastopol.org>
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #8

Hi City of Sebastopol,

I ride my bike along Morris St frequently and I really appreciate having bike lanes. I've ridden on streets with sharrows and honestly they're pretty useless. No one gives me any extra space or notices that they need to be careful of me. Bike Lanes feel like space that motorists respect. I feel much safer with Bike Lanes. Since Morris St connects the Joe Rodota and West County trails, I suspect it's used by many bicyclists

I looked at Option 2 and that one makes a lot of sense to me. I rarely see cars parked on the west side of the street and all the businesses there have their own parking areas. I understand the hesitation about removing parking but I think the greater risk is to the bicyclists

Toni Spizman
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The agenda document states "The bicycle lanes on Morris Street receive more than average traffic because Morris Street is a connector route between the Joe Rodota Trail and the West County Bike Trail." The council should recognize the importance of having higher than average bike traffic. This means the existing bike infrastructure should be improved not removed. Cycling will help reach city climate goals, while providing healthy, egalitarian transportation. I am appalled that the parking of a hand full of privately owned RVs is taking precedent over the health and safety of the families in our community.

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Sent: Friday, October 01, 2021 3:44 PM
To: info <info@cityofsebastopol.org>
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Hi,

As a Sebastopol resident and regular cyclist on its streets (including Morris Street), I find the idea of removing the Class II bike lane on the east side unacceptable. After all of the commendable progress toward promoting bike safe roads and streets, this is a step backwards.

As noted in the staff report, this is a critical link in the cycling infrastructure of West County. It should be noted also that the wonderful car free bike paths we have are frequently used by more occasional and less experienced cyclists. It is simply reckless to expect the bulk of cyclists (who may not be comfortable or competent riding on roads) to be able to navigate this Morris Street connection without the present Class II markings.

As it is now, this bike lane is a hazard - no experienced cyclist would ride within 5 feet of these RV's, as one has to allow for doors opening, and people coming out from between vehicles.

Removing the Class II lane and providing "sharrows" (or road sharing arrows), is just turning the road into a free for all, which is irresponsible, given the level of danger.

Really, the best solution is the alternative solution - to get rid of the parking lane on the west side, to expand the parking lane on the east side to RV size, and to replace the Class II lanes on both sides. The worst of the problem on Morris seems to be from Laguna Parkway north. The parking on the westside in this section does not seem so critical to the businesses there as they have parking lots, which would seem to favor this solution.

The sharrows 'solution' is a shirking of Sebastopol's responsibility to the cycling infrastructure of the County; but, more importantly, it increases the risk of injury for the many cyclists using this popular route.

If Morris Street is to be a de facto RV park, then please do the right thing and give them a proper lane that allows for cyclist safety.

Thank you,

Charlie Glynn



Sebastopol

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Sent: Friday, October 01, 2021 3:13 PM
To: info <info@cityofsebastopol.org>
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I'm a cyclist that rides the West County Trail three times a week. Personally, I'd rather nothing happen than to see the bike lane turned into a sharrows. Motorists are unfortunately, to this day, not sure what a sharrows is or who is supposed to "share". I'm fine riding past the RV's.

It does seem that giving the space to the RV encampment will send the wrong message. As this camp has grown, just like every other encampment on the Rodota Trail has shown, the mess grows. If it were me living in one of those spots, I'd like to think I'd be clean and work to show Sebastopol that I appreciate them letting me stay. So far this current crew doesn't seem to be very clean.

Replacing the Class II bicycle lanes on Morris Street with sharrows is unacceptable. Studies show that not only DON'T sharrows improve safety, but they can also actually REDUCE safety. Compromising the safety of cyclists on the West County Trail in favor of RV parking violates the City's own Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. Either follow Option 2 (removing one parking lane and widening the other) OR remove the RV encampment and keep us safe!

Most motorists are fine passing me as I ride that street. Some think they can share the lane by driving right by but most cross over the center line to give me space.

There is a situation further up Morris St. Right before Eddie Ln. the bike lane line changes to a dashed line. The curb for some reason isn't painted red and cars park in the bike lane. The curb is red up till the merge space and there's plenty of parking next to the ball field past Eddie. This section of the curb should be red. Obviously with cars parked in the merge space cyclists and kids are forced out into traffic.

Thank you

Jed Lane

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From: Rick Coates [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2021 3:03 PM
To: info <info@cityofsebastopol.org>
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #8

We agree with the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition. Replacing the Class II bicycle lanes on Morris Street with sharrows is unacceptable. Studies show that not only DON'T sharrows improve safety, they can actually REDUCE safety. Compromising the safety of cyclists on the West County Trail in favor of RV parking violates the City's own Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan.

We endorse Option 2 (removing one parking lane and widening the other).

Rick Coates
Executive Director
EcoRing
Promoting **EcoTourism and Green Travel**.
It's the Journey not just the Destination!

[REDACTED]

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To: info <info@cityofsebastopol.org>
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My family and I ride our bikes often on Morris St. We are in favor of replacing the Class II bicycle lanes on Morris Street with sharrows is unacceptable. Studies show that not only DON'T sharrows improve safety, they can actually REDUCE safety. Compromising the safety of cyclists on the West County Trail in favor of RV parking violates the City's own Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. Either follow Option 2 (removing one parking lane and widening the other) OR remove the RV encampment and keep us safe!

Thank You,
Chris Bencomo
[REDACTED]
Sebastopol, Ca 95472