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Subject: FW: Urgent Action Required: Dangerous Bike Lanes on Carlsbad Village Drive
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From: Matthew Moldovan <mmoldovan@gmail.com>
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To: Traffic <traffic@CarlsbadCA.gov>
Subject: Urgent Action Required: Dangerous Bike Lanes on Carlsbad Village Drive

Dear Members of the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the dangerous bike lanes on Carlsbad Village Drive west of Interstate 5. As someone who regularly commutes and enjoys the village on my bike, I have personally witnessed numerous accidents and near misses in this area due to inadequate bike infrastructure. I first brought this issue to the attention of city staff in September 2022 and subsequently raised it with the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission in January and April 2023, as well as with the city council.

While I have seen improvements in bike infrastructure throughout the city, there has been no progress in addressing the perilous conditions on this specific section of Carlsbad Village Drive. In December 2022, Transportation Director/City Engineer Tom Frank assured me that this segment would be included in the arterial reconfiguration project to accommodate wider bike lanes. However, no tangible steps have been taken to implement this solution.

I implore the commission to provide a concrete timeline for reaching a resolution and preventing further accidents on Carlsbad Village Drive. The current situation endangers the lives of cyclists like myself, as cars frequently hook right, encroach into the bike lane, and honk at us for using the road when there is no adequate bike infrastructure. Additionally, I would like to remind you of AB 1909, which mandates drivers of motor vehicles to move over to the next lane if one is available prior to passing or overtaking a bicycle. Existing law also requires a minimum of 3 feet of distance when passing or overtaking a bicycle.

I urge the commission to prioritize the safety of cyclists and pedestrians in this area by taking immediate action. Please provide a detailed plan outlining the steps that will be taken to improve the bike lanes on Carlsbad Village Drive, along with a clear timeline for implementation. The safety of the community is at stake, and swift action is crucial to prevent further accidents and promote a safer environment for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I appreciate your efforts in ensuring the safety and mobility of all residents and visitors in our city.

Sincerely,

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