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Subject: Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Envision San José 2040
Regarding: Lincoln Avenue; Husted to San Carlos
Issues: Public Safety, VMT (vehicle miles traveled), City Revenue, Community QOL (Quality of Life)

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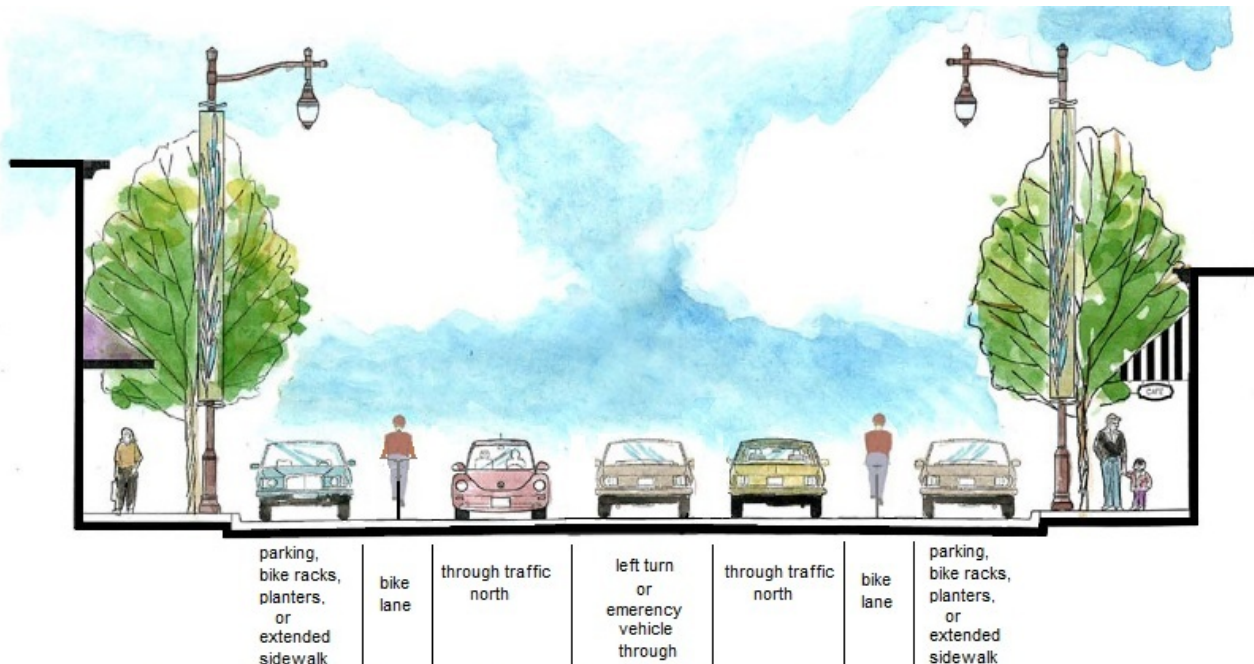
The Willow Glen Neighborhood Association (WGNA) appreciate and support San Jose DOT (Department of Transportation) and Staff efforts to move San Jose toward a safer, more livable World Class city. To be a Great City neighborhoods and neighborhood business districts must be safe, vibrant and inviting; and we fully recognize that with this comes enhanced environmental and economic sustainability.

We, members of the community respectfully request Lincoln Avenue be included in the City's 2040 land use master plan for making our neighborhoods and business district safer for school kids, seniors, mobility challenged and public safety vehicles. Safer cross walks, bike lanes and enhanced signage and signaling will preserve and protect and enhance this friendly livable village environment for all ages and abilities.

Children and youth: Lincoln Avenue is a key access corridor for young families and school children as it serves grammar schools, pre-schools and nurseries. Safe walking and bike routes to school are essential to livability.

Seniors and less mobile require safe streets and crosswalks, a key element of "Complete Streets". Public transportation access to the Willow Glen Community Center and business district coupled with slower traffic and safer pedestrian crossings promote and facilitate better health and independence as we age.

Public Safety access: A middle third lane(*) will provide needed emergency access for Fire, Medical and Police vehicles during congested commute hours and periods of overflow created by traffic backups on SR87 and/or Almaden Expwy. This is even more critical for the 2,000 feet of the Willow Glen business district where public safety vehicle access is currently limited in peak traffic hours.



Lincoln Avenue through the Business District from Minnesota to Coe

Lower VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled): Slower, safer, more bicycle-pedestrian aware vehicle passage on Lincoln Avenue promote a greener low-carbon emission community.

Vibrant and Inviting: Lower VMT, safer pedestrian-bike access and mobility combined with nearby increased residential density and public transportation position Willow Glen for the next century as a desirable place to dine, shop, visit and do business; and do so with greater safety. Where better to set the standard for the rest of San Jose and provide the platform for high quality urban living.

Summary: Community members in Willow Glen with the support of the WGNA are becoming increasingly aware of this concept and the benefits it can provide. Each bicycle and pedestrian accident in this area raise the sense of urgency for completing this transition. Each near-miss and frightened pedestrian trying to cross Lincoln raise the questions: Who next? And when?

Request: We the undersigned respectfully request that Lincoln Avenue from Husted to San Carlos be included in the Envision San José 2040 plan and placed high on the list for conversion to a complete street. We further request that every effort be made to make this a public-private partnership involving key stakeholder on Lincoln Avenue and the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association, its Board and members.

The WGNA and members of the community appreciate your great work and look forward to working with the City DOT to make this vision a reality for all who live and work here and generations to come.

*** Note:** It is requested that a 3-Lane configuration shown above be included in the Sample Street Topology Cross-Sections, (ref: Sec. 5, pg 5-30, E2040GP) for consideration as a solution for meeting the goals outlined in the Draft E2040GP and the San Jose Department of Transportation Bike Plan 2020.

Thank you,
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