

Kim Lunt

From: David Stillman
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 1:16 PM
To: Kim Lunt
Subject: FW: 5-17-2023 Bike/Ped Meeting-Item3 Lawson MS Bikeway

Hi Kim, here's a written comm for tonights BPC meeting. Please post when you can. Thanks.

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From: Valerie Lucas <valucas22@gmail.com>
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To: City of Cupertino Bike and Ped Commission <Bikepedcommission@cupertino.org>
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Subject: 5-17-2023 Bike/Ped Meeting-Item3 Lawson MS Bikeway

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Below is the original email I sent to the City of Cupertino on November 4, 2021. After all the meetings, discussions and presentations I still stand behind what I wrote then. I think the City and Bike Pedestrian Commission are being extremely short cited and are only looking at a short term fix to a much larger complicated problem. I still believe the bike path will result in chaos for everyone.

Valerie Lucas
Concerned Homeowner

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November 4, 2021

To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the city installing a bike lane along Vista Drive. I am all for the safety of children but I just don't understand the logic behind your plan:

1. Vista Drive is NOT McClellan Road. It is a small road located in a residential neighborhood that is impacted negatively by the expansion of Lawson Middle school.
2. The bike lanes may narrow the road enough to hinder emergency vehicles , PG&E trucks, garbage trucks, service and repair vehicles, street sweepers etc. Have your engineers taken all of this into account?
3. All the overflow of cars that normally park on the school side of the street will now park in front of our houses taking any spaces we have for our cars and our visitors cars.
4. A barrier will not make the road safer for the kids nor will it encourage more kids to ride their bikes. The roads throughout all Cupertino are dangerous for bikers as well as pedestrians. I cannot count the number of times I have almost been hit trying to cross streets in this town. Their journey to school is far more dangerous before they even make it to Vista Drive.
5. The major hazard on the roads are the parents that drive it. They are on their phones, they do not pay attention, they stop in the middle of the road to let off their kids, they go out of their lanes to try and pass, they don't stop at stop signs, they block driveways etc. They have no consideration for the kids or the neighborhood. Until their behavior is changed nothing constructive will happen.
6. You are under the illusion the kids will actually stay in the bike lane and not jut out in traffic.

There has to be a different solution to this problem. A possible solution would be to open the school gates on Forest/Lazaneo Ave to the kids. New bike racks can be installed inside the fence and they can walk the short distance to their classes.

Is there an environmental impact study that I can read?

Thank you.

Concerned Homeowner
Valerie Lucas
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From: David Stillman
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 1:16 PM
To: Kim Lunt
Subject: FW: slide for tonight's BPC meeting, item #3 Lawson Bikeway
Attachments: two way bikeway multi use path.pdf

And another.



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From: J Shearin <shearin.jen@gmail.com>
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Hello Commissioners and David,

I'm attaching a slide that I would like shown during tonight's BPC agenda item #3 while I am speaking.

It shows similar two-way bikeway and multi-use paths found at other local school, similar to those proposed for Lawson Middle School. I had noticed that the consultant in his previous presentations had chosen pictures to represent the bikeway and the multi-use path in different environments that they will be at Lawson and I thought these would be helpful.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Cupertino. It is appreciated.

Best Wishes,
Jennifer Shearin

This message is from my personal email account and I only am writing as myself, not as a representative or spokesperson for any other organization.

Two-way bikeway



Redwood Middle School, Palo Alto



Multiuse path



Cupertino High School, Cupertino



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From: David Stillman
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Subject: FW: Lawson MS Bikeway Alternative support

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From: Christine Jacobs <rchj@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Lawson MS Bikeway Alternative support

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Dear Commissioners,

As a Lawson neighbor and former parent, I urge you to support the Lawson Bikeway Alternative A, replacing the sidewalk and landscaping area along Vista with a bikeway. Alternative A addresses the safety issues for school children on bikes for school drop off and pickup without creating new safety problems for the neighborhood at those times and the rest of the day and week-ends.

Alternative B removes the parking along the field side of Vista and increases the danger for non-biking children and anyone driving in the neighborhood - not only at school drop off and pickup times, but also when children from Lawson and visiting school teams are let out from events and sporting matches at later hours and on week-ends when the fields are used.

Removing every single parking space adjacent to the field will force many more children to cross the street at all times of the day - including when drivers are less likely to expect them. Just as we know from experience that children on bikes currently weave through traffic to get to the bike lockers, those students meeting

their rides will likely not be using the crosswalk down the block and will cross the street wherever it is easiest. During a significant portion of the school year student athletes finish practices and games after dark. Those children are not going home on bikes. Compelling children to cross the street in the dark to meet their rides will greatly increase the likelihood of a child pedestrian vs car accident. Removing the parking spaces next to the field entrance will cause coaches to double park on Vista to unload equipment multiple times a day/week during soccer season. Vista provides the only access from our neighborhood to De Anza - creating even more congestion on Vista will also increase the danger for everyone in the neighborhood.

Although Alternative A is more expensive than Alternative B, it is by far the best alternative to protect both children on bikes and the rest of the students and neighborhood residents. I strongly support protecting student bikers, but please don't protect student bikers by creating new dangers for everyone else.

Thank-you for you attention.

Christine Jacobs
10454 Plum Tree Lane
Cupertino, CA

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From: David Stillman
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Dear Commissioners,

I hope that you will scrutinize the plans for the Lawson Bike Trail. The most vocal proponents are people who neither live in the neighborhood (not familiar with traffic patterns) nor have children in school. As a neighbor of the school, I am regularly passed on the right by drivers racing to get their children to school on time. I am not convinced that a bike trail is the cure for idiocy and self-centered behavior.

When we began this process, we were told by several bike advocates that Green Middle School in Palo Alto was the pattern for this bike trail. Two problems, that route is a commuter route and eliminating parking did not impact residents because the parking abutted backyards. Our neighborhood has limited egress, and the parking to be eliminated abuts playing fields and is across the street from driveways. The on-street parking is used as a de facto drop off and pick up zone.

Please note that there has been no clearly defined solution for the elimination of on-street parking. Using district parking is not an option during drop off or pick up times. It is also not an option during school events.

One of the graphs did not show cars in the on-street parking area after 4pm. As a longtime resident of this neighborhood, there are always cars parked here. And finally, there was supposed to be a combination plan that offered multi use on Vista with an on-street bikeway on Forest Ave but was not reflected in the final options presented to you.

If the objective is to get students out of traffic as soon as possible to ensure their safety, you will need to locate a bike corral on the south end of Lawson field and put a crosswalk for bikes on Vista directly across from the bike corral. I hope the district will work with the city to ensure the safety of the children.

Best regards,
Brooke Ezzat

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From: David Stillman
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Griffin <griffin@compuserve.com>
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Subject: 5-17-2023 Bike/Ped Meeting-Item3 Lawson MS Bikeway

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Dear Bike/Ped Commissioners and Staff,

Attached is a video a neighbor took this March 2023 driving down Vista in the afternoon on a school day. This is an example of what it is like during school drop-off, pick-up and school events.

Imagine the right side parking gone and it's garbage pickup day. Imagine you are a neighbor trying to get out of your driveway. Imagine a fire truck parking on the school side with the parking gone. It would shutdown the entire street.

The alternative that removes all parking on the school side of Vista Drive does not provide a solution for these situations that occur multiple times a day. It is not addressed! It's a 40-minute/school-day-only solution that causes more problems than it solves.

Please watch this video and imagine where all these cars and people will go when the school parking lots are not available for use which is most of the time these situations occur.

Sincerely,
Peggy Griffin
nearby neighbor

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Attachments: 2022-10-17 Lawson Car Counts by Neighbors.pdf

Another



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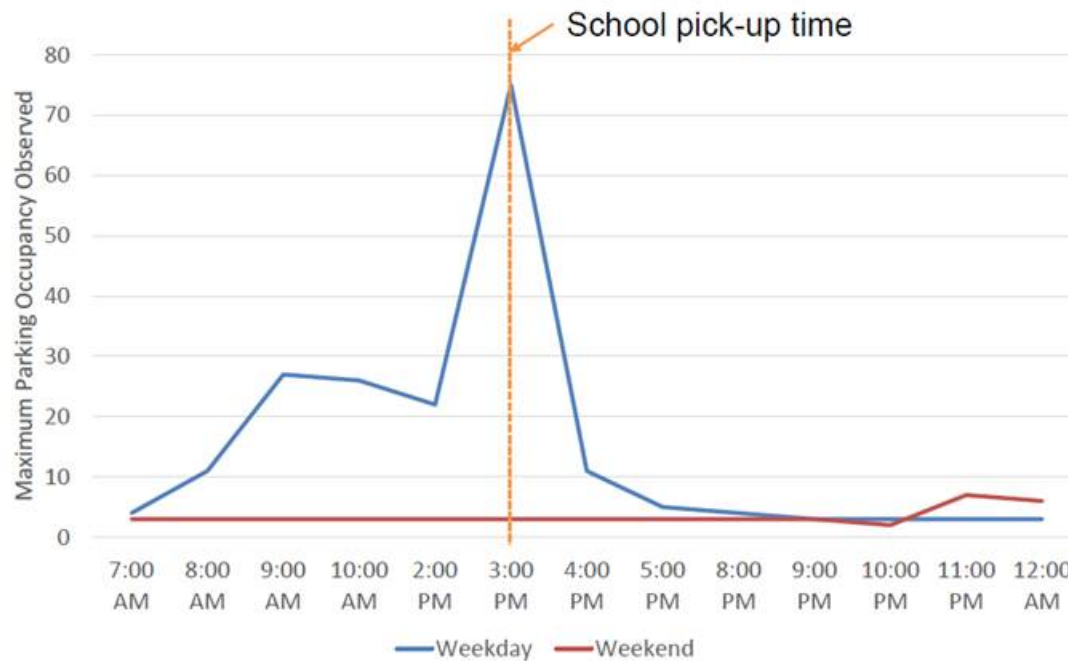
Dear Bike/Ped Commissioners and Staff,

We all appreciate the work done both by staff and the Hexacon consultants. I also thank the staff and consultants for including the cars parked count data collected by many neighbors over a period of about 9 months.

One issue I have, which I brought up at the last Community Meeting, is that the graph showing parked cars on Vista Dr (Page 9 of 28) in the Presentation is misleading.

- On weekdays (BLUE), it shows counts after 5pm but they did not take samples after 5 pm!
- On weekends (RED), it shows a constant low level then a small uptick at 11-12 at night but there were no samples take!
- Both the RED and BLUE lines don't indicate when the data was collected. A bar graph would show the time the data was collected.

Time of Day On-Street Parking Analysis- Vista Drive



Page 10 of 20 in the Presentation summarizes the random car counts we took from February 2022 through October 2022. Anytime a neighbor walked or drove down Vista Drive and they could safely do so, they counted the parked cars on the school-side (west) and housing-side (east) and texted it to me. I would enter it in a spreadsheet. Attached is the data we collected. I have attached the file containing these counts (PDF). Sorry I don't have time to graph it.

Vista Dr Parking Counts

- **Hexagon Counts**
 - 20 spaces were observed to be unoccupied in the school parking lot
 - 75 maximum parked cars observed on weekday
- **Neighbor Counts**
 - On average, 25 – 30 parked cars observed on weekdays and 10 – 15 parked cars observed on weekends
 - Greater than 40 parked cars observed on six weekdays
 - 84 maximum parked cars observed on one weekday at 6 PM

As you can see, the parking is used a lot. Greene Middle School, which some use as an example, only took about 3 parking spaces when they added their 2-way bike path but they also were solving a 24/7 traffic problem-the California Ave/Middlefield Road are major thoroughfares! They did not remove parking in front of their fields. They did not remove parking from neighbors because no homes face that street (California Ave.).

Please find a solution that does not cause more problems. Thank you

Sincerely,
Peggy Griffin

Lawson Informal Car Count

by neighbors (10-17-2022)

Summer: 6-16-2022 8-15-2022		Cars parked on Vista Dr. school (west) side	Cars parked on Vista Dr. residential (east) side
Date/Day	Time	A	B
2/8/2022 Tue	5:30 PM	9	6
2/8/2022 Tue	5:40 PM	10	7
2/11/2022 Fri	12:15 PM	16	14
2/11/2022 Fri	4:20 PM	10	12
2/12/2022 Sat	10:40 AM	16	8
2/12/2022 Sat	12:30 PM	11	7
2/14/2022 Mon	5:15 PM	20	7
2/15/2022 Tue	3:55 PM	11	7
2/17/2022 Thu	9:38 PM	2	4
2/18/2022 Fri	6:45 PM	6	6
2/19/2022 Sat	11:12 AM	16	12
2/19/2022 Sat	12:39 PM	5	5
2/19/2022 Sat	6:31 PM	5	5
2/19/2022 Sat	9:00 PM	3	7
2/20/2022 Sun	9:42 AM	8	7
2/21/2022 Mon	12:34 PM	5	7
2/21/2022 Mon	2:18 PM	7	4
2/22/2022 Tue	10:15 AM	5	5
2/22/2022 Tue	12:30 PM	4	3
2/22/2022 Tue	4:30 PM	9	6
2/23/2022 Wed	11:43 AM	7	7
2/23/2022 Wed	12:40 PM	5	5
2/23/2022 Wed	5:35 PM	11	5
2/24/2022 Thu	11:30 AM	12	5
2/24/2022 Thu	6:15 PM	7	7
2/25/2022 Fri	12:15 PM	11	5
2/27/2022 Sun	11:01 AM	12	6
2/28/2022 Mon	2:50 PM	25	?
2/28/2022 Mon	5:40 PM	7	7
3/4/2022 Fri	11:30 AM	15	12
3/8/2022 Tue	11:19 AM	17	12
3/8/2022 Tue	12:13 PM	18	12
3/8/2022 Tue	2:20 PM	17	13
3/8/2022 Tue	5:35 PM	9	5
3/17/2022 Thu	11:54 AM	20	12
3/17/2022 Thu	5:25 PM	18	15
3/17/2022 Thu	5:45 PM	18	10
3/18/2022 Fri	4:50 PM	28	16
3/18/2022 Fri	6:20 PM	13	10
3/19/2022 Sat	12:35 PM	9	8

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3/24/2022 Thu	1:05 PM	17	18
3/24/2022 Thu	1:27 PM	17	12
3/25/2022 Fri	3:14 PM	15	10
3/29/2022 Tue	12:30 PM	17	13
3/30/2022 Wed	11:25 AM	19	14
3/30/2022 Wed	11:31 AM	19	10
3/30/2022 Wed	4:37 PM	34	17
3/30/2022 Wed	4:40 PM	35	17
3/31/2022 Thu	6:05 PM	12	8
4/2/2022 Sat	1:22 PM	12	10
4/5/2022 Tue	10:00 AM	17	11
4/5/2022 Tue	2:08 PM	19	7
4/7/2022 Thu	4:15 PM	29	20
4/8/2022 Fri	12:15 PM	18	15
4/10/2022 Sun	5:51 PM	21	9
4/11/2022 Mon	12:18 PM	21	13
4/11/2022 Mon	12:57 PM	21	11
4/11/2022 Mon	1:00 PM	21	11
4/11/2022 Mon	1:03 PM	21	12
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4/23/2022 Sat	12:48 PM	8	6
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4/27/2022 Wed	1:39 PM	20	9
4/27/2022 Wed	5:35 PM	30	27
4/28/2022 Thu	1:20 PM	18	11
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Dear Bike/Ped Commissioners and Staff,

This is my last email (I promise). I am in favor of a 24/7 solution of replacing the sidewalk with a multi-use trail. Yes, it costs more but it does not cause more problems all day long.

That said, a combination idea was discussed during the last Community Meeting #3 that did the following:

- Used a 2-way bikeway along Forest Ave
- Used a multi-use trail on Vista Drive

This combination plan would:

- Significantly reduce the costs because the CUSD light pole and landscaping would not be touched.
- The few parking spaces on Forest Ave on the school side are not used very often.
- The multi-use trail would also solve the overcrowding of the sidewalk along Vista Dr. Often on hot nights and on weekends, 2 groups of people walking with strollers, dogs, kids towards each other, one group often has to go in the street. This congestion seems to only occur on Vista Drive because that's where everybody is headed – Lawson MS for walking and playing.

Please consider a broader solution. Combine the 2 to reduce costs. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Peggy Griffin

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7:03 PM
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FYI



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To: City of Cupertino Bike and Ped Commission <Bikepedcommission@cupertino.org>
Subject: Lawson bikeway alternatives

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Dear Bike/Ped Commissioners,

Although I believe that the two-way bike lane in the street on the school side of Forest and Vista is a foregone conclusion, I want to express again why it is just a bad idea.

1. First and foremost is the impact on parking. The parking on Vista is used by teachers and visitors all day during school days. It is especially used by parents during the afternoon pick-up time. It is also used, sometimes heavily, for after school and weekend sports, such as soccer, track meets, tennis, and basketball, both on-field and in the gymnasium. Major school evening events utilize literally all of this parking and expands well into the surrounding neighborhood. Removing this parking will impact literally all of the immediate neighbors, especially on trash days by forcing people to park in front of the houses on the other side of the street and overflow into the adjacent neighborhood streets. Contrary to any suggestion that this will encourage

people to drive less, my experience is that it only encourages them to drive worse, stopping in the middle of the street to drop off/pick up students, swerving around stopped cars to get through, etc., etc.

2. This is a poor solution to a very limited time issue. Vista is normally not a heavily trafficked neighborhood street. It is not a major thoroughfare to anyplace. The ONLY time there is significant traffic is during school pick-up and drop-off, which also happens to be the times of day for concern about the safety of students riding to school. At all other times, a two-way bike lane along Vista is utterly useless. Commuters and casual riders may use it one way in the normal direction, but will almost certainly avoid it the other way because of the problems getting into and out of the lane and because riding with the direction of traffic is ingrained in most bike riders.
3. This two-way bike lane ostensibly makes it safer for everyone, but that is really not the case. It does not keep parents from dropping off and picking up mid-block from the other side of the street or even stopping in the middle of the street, which will mean more students being forced to cross through both car and bike traffic to get to the school side of the street. In addition, because this is an unconventional solution, drivers and pedestrians will not expect the unusual flow of bike traffic (e.g. bikes coming from the right when exiting school driveways), significantly increasing the chances of an unplanned encounter.

While I don't especially like the multi-use path solution, I do think it is better than the two-way bike path. It will facilitate getting students, including bikers, to and from school during the peak periods, and the rest of the time, the street will remain a quiet neighborhood street with ample parking and reasonably safe for shared bicycle use in the street. The multi-use path will also provide more comfortable space for people walking during non-school hours. I realize it is significantly more expensive, but it should be viewed as a long-term investment in meeting multiple sets of needs.

One parting thought. This whole fiasco could have been avoided when CUSD remodeled from Collins Elementary to Lawson Middle School if they had delivered on their verbal commitment to provide safe access for students to get to school. A separate student bike path between the sidewalk on Vista and the fence by the field would have made all the difference. Now, because of landscaping and irrigation in that area, the district seems unwilling to deal with it. Also, better placement of the bike racks near the periphery of the campus would have meant getting the bicycles out of the traffic sooner.

Given the two alternatives, I encourage you to choose the multi-use path over the unconventional two-way bike path that removes an important parking area for teachers, visitors, parents and the general public.

Sincerely,

Terry Griffin

A neighbor who lives on Randy Lane.



Vista at 5:15 pm; it will get MUCH WORSE with new laws. Plan ahead - KEEP THE PARKING.



If trees are removed, plant new trees.

Planting SMALLER trees = faster growth; healthier trees.
This one-gallon Sycamore had seven leaves 20 years ago.



Trees can even be planted in the street (Industrial Ave. in San Carlos).