

From: Johanna Lighthill
To: Bicycle Advisory Committee
Re: Public comments for item #9. BAC meeting November 16, 2020

Dear Bicycle Advisory Committee,

Thank you for addressing concerns about the constrained bike lane through Aptos Village. I hope you will also consider how the installation of a new rail crossing gate (at Aptos Creek Rd.) effects the future of the MBSST. The gate is to be installed within the proposed trail alignment (inland side of tracks). The RTC has identified this section to be “geometrically constrained” and has explained that trail details will be addressed when the trail is designed. Will it fit?

Your committee is now being asked to choose a preferred transit mode along the corridor before it has been determined whether both transit and trail can coexist within the corridor. I hope that you will continue to prioritize bicycle safety by prioritizing the MBSST, and consider that future decisions may include: choosing either/or transit/trail, or relying on other means to accommodate both (SCCRTC approved eminent domain for north coast trail segment last week).

Thank you for considering my comments, for advocating bicycle (and pedestrian) safety, and for your work toward providing better transportation options in our community.

Sincerely,

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