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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager,

I strongly support Active Transportation improvements throughout Petaluma.

I see two critical areas:

1. safer bike lanes
2. safer intersection crossings

Solving or at least improving both of these issues are in line with Petaluma's policies and values. We need to reduce traffic speeds and separate cars from bicycles and pedestrians.

I feel unsafe riding my bike on many busy Petaluma streets (e.g. Casa Grande and McDowell), not to mention getting from the east side of town to the west side (on the south end of town). We can do much better. I hope Caulfield can be dramatically improved and be a model for non-car users.

I walk to my gym (what a concept - they don't even have bike racks, but they do have an expansive parking lot) and I have to cross the intersection of Casa Grande and McDowell. I feel relatively safe during the daytime when it is dry, but at night or when it is raining, it is a different story. Drivers have to keep track of many cars coming from multiple directions, and often looking for pedestrians is not a priority. I have been close to being hit multiple times, in some cases more than once in a single night. At the very least, pedestrian crossing distance should be reduced, and much better lighting is needed. I'm sure this is the case at many busy intersections throughout Petaluma.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to the future of Petaluma. I am looking forward to seeing our Active Transportation infrastructure improved in the coming years.

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