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Petaluma City Council

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Dear Mayor McDonnell and Councilmembers,

The Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition agrees with the concerns raised by Safe Streets Petaluma in its letter regarding active transportation in the city. The public right of way is not reserved solely for the use of people who live nearby. Given its goals around safety and climate, Petaluma cannot afford to let neighborhood pushback on individual projects stand in the way of action.

We are pleased that the update to the city's active transportation plan is nearing completion, and expect that to offer a clear vision and road map for ongoing improvements to the city's bicycle and pedestrian network. It is critical to continue educating the community about this vision, and how all road users will benefit.

In the meantime, as the letter states: "Please stand behind your safe streets policy and support your staff in implementing your policy."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eris Weaver".

Eris Weaver, Executive Director
Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition

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