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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager,

As a long time and enthusiastic "practical transportation bicyclist" I want to let you know that I fully support Active Transportation improvements throughout Petaluma.

I have long utilized a bike as my primary transportation around town, carrying children to and from school, going to appointments, and transporting necessary goods from downtown and back home. I have intentionally chosen this mode of transportation because it is fun, contributes to my good health, leaves a gentle footprint on the environment, and models all of the above to my children and now my grandchild. In doing so, I have persisted through the challenges of unfavorable road designs and conditions and at times, questioning harassment regarding my judgment about safety on the road, which "obviously" belongs to cars.

Thankfully, a lot has changed. It is deeply gratifying for me to now be sharing the road with a culture of practical bicyclists of all ages and to be part of the shift toward support for Active Transportation in Petaluma.

And we do need the roads to be safer.

Please continue to move ahead with implementation of all processes that cultivate safe and pleasurable passageway for all forms of Active Transportation—bike/milibility lanes, safe street designs, Quick Builds, urban forestation, and Pop-up Urbanism (aka Tactical Urbanism).

With all due respect to the challenges and factors involved in your decision making, I ask that you not fall prey to the few who strive to strike-down the innovative momentum we have going here in Petaluma toward safer, healthier and more equitable people-powered transportation.

Thank you for partnering with the community to make these innovations a priority and a near-future reality.

*With Petaluma Pride and much gratitude for all you do,
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