

Katherine Douglas

General Public Comment - Grp 1



**From:** Douglas Jacobson <dwjacobson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2023 8:50 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Modoc bike path

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My family uses bicycles for transportation to and from work, school, shopping, dining and recreation. I'm very happy that Santa Barbara is starting to create safe spaces for its citizens to move about by walking or cycling.

Please ensure the success and safety of the Modoc bike path

This bike path should be wide and fully separated from the roadway.

Doug Jacobson

- path that meets *minimum* widths based on the expected number and mix (pedestrians, bicyclists and e-bicyclists) of users is 10-12 feet
- A path that meets *minimum* setback requirements from the roadway is set back at least 5 feet (per Caltrans).
- A path that meets *minimum* setback requirements from curbs and drop-offs is set back at least 2 feet
- Path connections should meet the recently adopted Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), such as curb ramps aligned with crosswalks.

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**From:** Lee Carter <lrc451@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 8, 2023 4:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Laura Capps  
**Subject:** Modoc Multi-use/Bike Path

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Supervisors:

Thank you for taking on the daunting task of creating a new link in the Alternative Transportation program. The Modoc Path is sorely needed to make it safer for people traveling along that corridor who are not in motor vehicles. The current pathway pits cyclists and walkers against cars (who drive far too fast) and ends up being unsafe for both.

The pending proposed design is only slightly better than what presently exists in that location. A better design would create something closer to the path that now exists on Modoc between Calle De Los Amigos and Las Positas. While that may not be possible in the space between Via Send and the Obern Creek bike path, I am certain that an acceptable, safe path can be designed and built.

Hopefully, the Board of Supervisors will encourage your staff, including the Transportation Division, to modify the proposed plan and create a plan that creates a much safer and user-friendly pathway along the Modoc corridor.

Thank you,

Lee Carter

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**From:** Erin Riley <erin.yak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 8, 2023 5:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Modoc Bike Path Design input

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear SB Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you in regards to the current Modoc bike path design. Our family wants a safe pathway separated from the roadway with accessible connections. We ask that you ensure that best practices for accessibility and safety are being met as the design moves forward. Below are some thoughts and regulations that I hope you will consider.

- A path that meets *minimum* widths based on the expected number and mix (pedestrians, bicyclists and e-bicyclists) of users is 10-12 feet\* (per Caltrans and the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). (\*8-feet is allowed, however Caltrans notes "Where heavy bicycle volumes are anticipated and/or significant pedestrian traffic is expected, the paved width of a two-way bike path should be greater than 10 feet, preferably 12 feet or more.")  
*Current Modoc Path Design: 10-foot width.*
- A path that meets *minimum* setback requirements from the roadway is set back at least 5 feet (per Caltrans).  
*Current Modoc Path Design: no setback from roadway.*
- A path that meets *minimum* setback requirements from curbs and drop-offs is set back at least 2 feet (per Caltrans) or 1 foot (per AASHTO).  
*Current Modoc Path Design: no setback from curb.*
- Path connections should meet the recently adopted Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), such as curb ramps aligned with crosswalks.  
*Current Design of Modoc Path Connections: curb ramps do not align with crosswalks.*

With Gratitude,  
Erin Riley

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**From:** Jason Naczek <Jason.Naczek.659093431@yourconstituent.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 8, 2023 4:23 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Uphold the Commitment to Remove the Montecito Ring Nets

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisors,

As a Santa Barbara County resident, I'm writing to urge the Board to require the Project for Resilient Communities (PRC) to uphold its commitment to remove the Montecito ring nets.

The ring net project was proposed and approved as a temporary method of providing additional protection to Montecito communities until mountain slopes have revegetated. That time has now come. Slopes are thickly revegetated and permit deadlines are approaching.

The blockage of San Ysidro Creek last January demonstrates that the nets do not function as intended and rather trap small sediment material that would naturally replenish local beaches.

The failure to maintain the nets, for a variety of reasons, only further demonstrates that the nets do not function as intended.

So many of our creeks and rivers already suffer from a legacy of historic alteration for flood control. New permanent barriers are not the solution.

It's time to make good on its promise. Please require the PRC to uphold it's commitment to remove the ring nets.

Regards,  
Jason Naczek  
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**From:** Ras Yaser <rasyasser@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 9, 2023 11:21 AM  
**To:** Lael Wageneck; Mark K. Friedlander; Chris Sneddon; sbcob; Laura Capps  
**Subject:** Re: Modoc Multi Use Path - Town Hall - October 26, 2023

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Thanks Lael,

Everyday I pedal in our community. I afford my life and lifestyle in SB with this method, yet I also frequently feel like I risk my life in my regular bicycling. You guessed it, despite riding bike friendly areas like Haley, Bath, Cota and others, cars regularly drive in my area or otherwise treat my existence far too casually for my safety.

I regularly pedal the Obern/Modoc SB and Goleta connection. It's definitely sketchy in spots and I am thankful for this project's careful consideration of all stakeholders' concerns. That said, PLEASE ensure we do better than the minimum in dreaming together the future. I can't believe that current plans don't even have the bare minimum!

Specifically, please plan for the path to be 12 feet wide (or more - you should see how folks drive in my ample space on Chapala or De La Vina), please plan to be set back at least 5 feet from the roadway (bare minimum per Caltrans), minimum (at least!) setbacks from the curb (super safety important) and other path connection public right-of-way considerations.

Again, this is our opportunity to make this better now and going forward! Let us dream up a world where people don't think I'm loco for pedaling to Goleta and back, let's make it safe, comfortable and more inviting to all of us! Particularly for the many folks among us who rely on pedals as their main method of transportation whether due to health, economical(!!!), ecological or other reasons!

Thank you for your service and for hearing my comments!

Jesse  
Eastside SB resident

On Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 7:26 AM Lael Wageneck <[lwageneck@countyofsb.org](mailto:lwageneck@countyofsb.org)> wrote:

*You are receiving this email because you requested to receive updates about the Modoc Multi Use Path project.*

In May 2023, the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department held its first monthly stakeholder advisory group meeting for the Modoc Multi-Use Project. Since then, the County has worked with the La Cumbre Mutual Water Company, the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County, and representatives of local stakeholder groups to design a path that addresses individual and shared goals.

The County will host a town hall meeting and welcomes additional input from the public on sections of the path that travel through the County's right of way. A 20-minute presentation will begin at 6 p.m. It will be followed by a Q&A session and an opportunity to speak with County staff. A Zoom link will be available for those who would like to watch the meeting without making verbal comments.

**To RSVP for the meeting, request a Zoom link, or provide comments, [click on this link](#).**

We will post an update to the 35% plans and other updates at least one week before the meeting.

For more information, contact Lael Wageneck at [lwageneck@countyofsb.org](mailto:lwageneck@countyofsb.org) or (805)568-3425.

Thank you,

Lael Wageneck

Public Information Officer

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