

Brianda Negrete

# General Public Comment-Group 1

**From:** Torrie Cutbirth <torriecutbirth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 9:31 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** PLEASE Support the Modoc Multi-Use Path!!

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Dear SB Board of Supervisors,

My name is Torrie Cutbirth, a local community member and staff member of a local family foundation that supports \$300,000.00 dollars in funding to local environmental organizations in our County each year. I am a student in SBCC's Environmental Horticulture program, and volunteer at many community gardens and other environmental organizations. I am also 29 years old, and I am terrified of the near future of our climate and state of our community.

I am reaching out to urge you to PLEASE support the Modoc Multi-Use Path!!

This project is VITAL to our community's just and equitable transitions to a more green economy and more! The 1-mile Modoc Multi-Use Path will connect the Las Positas-Modoc, Obern and Maria Ygnacio multi-use path systems, providing a continuous connection between homes, jobs, schools and open spaces. The Modoc Path gap closure will result in 14.5 miles of linked multi-use paths. A \$5.4MM use it or lose it grant will fund a safe, separated bike and pedestrian path, provide jobs, and eliminate fatalities and hospitalizations. (9 emergency response actions from car/bike collisions, victims included teen agers, elderly, and 1 death in past 11 years)  
Current plan calls for replacing any trees removed with native oaks. (Preferred option B only affects 3 trees in the Modoc Preserve, and 19 outside the Preserve). Additionally, NEW trees sequester more carbon than mature trees, that slow carbon sequestration as they mature. New, NATIVE tree plantings will not only sequester more carbon, but the native trees will provide a multitude of benefits to the local environment, including the animals we so deeply rely on.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will approve this necessary bike path project!

In Community,

**Torrie Cutbirth**  
Cornell University '16  
(805) 453-6351



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**From:** Eileen Mcmillen <mcmillen.eileen@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:30 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
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Please support the Modoc MultiUse Path. We need it for the safety of our cyclists and runners, and walkers.  
Thanks,  
Eileen McMillen

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Kelly Bourque <kellylbouque1226@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:02 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Support of the Modoc Multi-Use Bike Bath  
  
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Hello County Supervisors,

I am a twice-a-day user of the current Modoc Road bike paths and have nearly been injured on several occasions. I am in STRONG SUPPORT of the Modoc Multi-Use Bike Bath. I am an environmentalist (went to the UCSB Bren School) but I do not support saving trees over saving lives. A bike fatality happened on Modoc Road in 2019, which could have been prevented with an off road path. Me or others could also be at risk of extreme injury without this path. This is a public health and safety issue.

I am a resident of the City of Santa Barbara and I work in the Noleta area. I try to reduce my carbon footprint by biking to work but it is becoming riskier along the Modoc Bike Path.

Please consider my email and my strong support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path.

Thank you, Kelly Bourque  
[kellylbouque1226@gmail.com](mailto:kellylbouque1226@gmail.com)  
858-335-2563



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**From:** A Hilliard <larksound@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 9:57 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
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I support upgrading the MODOC bike path.

Annette L. Hilliard  
Goleta 93117



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**From:** Doug Fischer <dougfischer@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 9:56 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
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Please support option B on the Modoc bike path. I have ridden this route often and am always nervous about sharing the road with cars on that section. I've seen accidents—one with a biker hauled off in an ambulance—very scary—a separate path will keep people much safer. While losing large trees is unfortunate, replacing non-native trees with natives is actually a win for the environment—even if we weren't also getting big safety benefits!

Thanks,  
Doug Fischer  
2411 Selrose Ln  
Santa Barbara 93109

(Sent from my phone. Please excuse any typos or curttness.)

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**From:** joanna.tang@lifesci.ucsb.edu  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 9:17 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Modoc Multi-Use Path  
  
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Hello,

I hope you're doing well. I am writing in support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path. I bike to work daily and value the investment in a safe, economical, eco-friendly mode of transportation. I support the Modoc Multi-Use Path because:

- The 1-mile Modoc Multi-Use Path will connect the Las Positas-Modoc, Obern and Maria Ygnacio multi-use path systems, providing a continuous connection between homes, jobs, schools and open spaces. The Modoc Path gap closure will result in 14.5 miles of linked multi-use paths.
- A \$5.4MM use it or lose it grant will fund a safe, separated bike and pedestrian path, provide jobs, and eliminate fatalities and hospitalizations. (9 emergency response actions from car/bike collisions, victims included teen agers, elderly, and 1 death in past 11 years)
- Current plan calls for replacing any trees removed with native oaks. (Preferred option B only affects 3 trees in the Modoc Preserve, and 19 outside the Preserve)

Sincerely,  
Joanna Tang



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**From:** Heather J. Rose <rosehj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:09 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please support the Modoc Bike Path  
  
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Dear Supervisors,

I have been cycling in Santa Barbara both recreationally and as a commuter since I moved here in 2009. I am also an environmentalist, and yes, a treehugger. Due diligence has been done, adjustments have been made, and it is now time to support the Modoc Bike Path, connecting two other heavily utilized trails. It's time to stop making all cyclists, but especially families and children cross Modoc road with its high speed traffic and climb uphill slowly next to cars in the narrow and bumpy bike path. As always, providing safe alternatives to the expenses of driving is an equity issue.

Let's get our wheels rolling!

Heather Rose

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Heather J. Rose, Ph.D.  
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**From:** Christine Bourgeois <cbarreb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 1:59 PM  
**Subject:** The Modoc multi-use path is necessary: THANK YOU for making it happen!

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Dear official,

Completing the Modoc multi-use path needs to happen for 4 critical reasons:

- **1) Equity:** It will provide equitable access to the public open space of the Modoc Preserve for users of all ages and abilities (not only for local residents who have been keeping the Modoc Preserve "secret" until now...)
- **2) Safety:** Modoc Road has discontinuous sidewalks and narrow and unprotected bike lanes adjacent to road with speeds up to 45 mph. Several people have died on Modoc over the last 10 years: those deaths could have been prevented with better infrastructure.
- **3) Restoration:** There will be no impact to native trees. New trees will be planted with a focus on sustainability and restoring habitats which are Preserve's goals.
- **4) Connectivity:** The Modoc multi-use path is a vital and missing link between two existing multi-use paths. Santa Barbara County needs a more complete network of safe, off-street facilities. To illustrate this urgent need, here is a personal story: On Tuesday morning (maybe around 8:30am), I was riding my bicycle on Modoc where the construction is happening. Several teenagers (at least 6 of them) on e-bike carrying heavy backpacks full of books passed me. It was so nice to see them commuting from downtown to SMHS and not driving a car :) But with a safer Modoc multi-use path, instead of 6 young e-bike commuters, it could become 20 or many more... Please build this multi-use path for the safety of our youth and all of us. Thank you.

Christine (Barré) Bourgeois  
 Cell: (805) 284-6787  
 Christine's photos: <http://cbarreb.smugmug.com/>





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**From:** Alexander, Jacquelyne  
**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2022 7:56 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: Request to meet- 3823 Santa Claus Lane Cannabis dispensary

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**From:** Jana Zimmer <zimmerccc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 7:36 PM  
**To:** Laura BridleyPC <lbridley2nddistpc@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Hart, Gregg <gHart@countyofsb.org>; Villalobos, David <dvillalo@countyofsb.org>; Alexander, Jacquelyne <jralexander@countyofsb.org>; Hartmann, Joan <jHartmann@countyofsb.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request to meet- 3823 Santa Claus Lane Cannabis dispensary

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**Commissioner Bridley:**

I have reviewed the Planning Commission tapes of the September 7, 2022 Planning Commission meeting in which you voted to approve the cannabis dispensary at 3823 Santa Claus Lane. You declared that you had met with my client, Dr. Kent and Dr. Rikalo, which is true, but you also said that you had had several conversations with me, which is not accurate. While I tried to arrange a meeting to discuss the specific legal issues, you declined, saying that you had already allocated alot of time to studying the appellant's position. I never had the opportunity to review the important legal issues in this case with you. [See, my e mail to you below, and your your response of September 4, 2022, below], where you stated:

"Ms. Zimmer,

My meeting date with Dr. Kent yesterday went well, and that was the time when I had anticipated talking to you about this case, originally. I understand it did not work out for both of you at the same time, so I was happy to have that time with Dr. Kent.

I have indeed received all your letters and I am reviewing them in anticipation of Wednesday's hearing. Dr. Kent discussed the point you made again, today, regarding the PC's purview, so thank you for that reminder.

Given the extensive amount of written material, I do not believe it necessary for us to have a separate, additional meeting. I have spent nearly 4x the amount of time assimilating the Appellant's points for this case over the applicant's, so I hope you can appreciate this is a fair decision on my part.

I look forward to the public hearing where we can all hear all the points made to date. If I have any questions, i will reach out to you Tuesday before 3:00 p.m."

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Date: 2022-09-23 11:45 AM  
From: "Jana Zimmer" <zimmerccc@gmail.com>  
To: "Laura Bridley" <lbridley2nddistpc@gmail.com>

**If you have a record of any substantive conversation, please do let me know, and promptly provide any evidence you have. If, as I expect, no such evidence exists, you need to take steps to correct the Planning Commission minutes on this point.**

As you may know, one of the important issues on appeal is whether the Planning Commission denied a fair hearing to my client and the other members of the community who testified or submitted comment. The Board hearing will be de novo, but if they are influenced by false statements made outside of the hearing, as the Planning Commission clearly was, the Board will be unable to discharge their obligations under the law.

Thank you.

Jana Zimmer

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From: **Jana Zimmer** <[zimmerccc@gmail.com](mailto:zimmerccc@gmail.com)>

Date: Sun, Sep 4, 2022 at 1:39 PM

Subject: Request to meet- 3823 Santa Claus Lane Cannabis dispensary

To: Laura BridleyPC <[lbridley2nddistpc@gmail.com](mailto:lbridley2nddistpc@gmail.com)>

Cc: Michael Cooney <[Michael@igsb.com](mailto:Michael@igsb.com)>, Villalobos, David <[dvillalo@countyofsb.org](mailto:dvillalo@countyofsb.org)>

Commissioner Bridley,

I have not had a response from you regarding my request to meet/discuss the above matter. I have been advised by my client that in your site visit yesterday you told him that you believe that the Planning Commission has no authority to deny a dispensary at the Santa Claus Lane site, and to the effect that the Board decided this in its Chapter 50 proceeding. He advises that Commissioner Martinez told him essentially the same thing in his site visit. IF accurate, this reflects a basic misunderstanding of the Planning Commission's "purview".

**I ask you to review our submittals, and particularly my letters to the Board and the CAO of June and July 2021, as well as the legal analysis in my letter to County Counsel of August 17, 2022 and my letter to the Planning Commission of Sept 2, 2022.**

I would like the opportunity to explain to you why what you have been told, if accurately relayed, is legally incorrect, and to answer any questions you have on this point.

Both the County (in its PEIR- see our Exhibit #20) and the Coastal Commission ( in its modifications to the cannabis ordinance in 2018 (Exh 12) have been explicit that the standard of review for the CDP is the LCP, not chapter 50. No "site" decisions under Chapter 50 can preempt the Coastal Act.

Given the shortness of time for appellants' presentation, I am asking staff to post this letter and **am asking that Commissioners Ferrini, Martinez, and Parke also grant me the time to fully explain this critical legal issue.**

I have asked County Counsel to advise the Commission on these specific points. The cannabis lobbyist- who is your former Cannabis Czar- *objected* to County Counsel advising their own client in the Planning Commission hearing. This is unprecedented in my 35 years experience in land use matters in this County.

Thank you

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Jana Zimmer

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**From:** Ian Hewitt <ianrhewitt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2022 12:54 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** In support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path

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Hello county supervisors,

This email is in regard to the proposed bike path in the Modoc area. The project provides critical biking alternatives to car use within the county. We should be trying to push forwards with alternatives to driving and this bike path is critical infrastructure that fights climate change and provides greater mobility access for our fellow citizens. Please support these safe and separated bike paths.

all the best,  
Ian Hewitt



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**From:** Steve Francis <stevefrancis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:42 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Nov 1 Hearing: Support Modoc Path

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I'm strongly in favor of completing the bike path network - as an older cyclist, I am not comfortable on roads, and limit myself to separated bike paths.

I will ride more (and use my car less) with the addition of these bike paths, as would several others I know.

Please approve!!!