Public Comment - Group 2



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Brianda Negrete

From:

Rebecca Vincent <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 6:45 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

rvincent@ucsb.edu

Subject:

In Support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path

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Hello,

I support Alignment B of the Modoc Multi-Use Path because: I love to travel by bike SAFELY and I hate cars! For the environment! For public health!

From: Rebecca Vincent

Zip code: 93117

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From:

Annalisa <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 11:56 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

a.zaccardelli@gmail.com

Subject:

In Support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path

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Hello,

I support Alignment B of the Modoc Multi-Use Path because:

I am a firm supporter of making our beautiful city more bike friendly.

I think it will significantly increase the safety for bikers to ride from Goleta to downtown Santa Barbara and this will encourage more bikers to get on the road rather than travel by car.

From: Annalisa Zip code: 93110

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From:

Tom Carr < modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 27, 2022 8:58 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

thomascarr1@mac.com

Subject:

In Support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path

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Hello,

I support Alignment B of the Modoc Multi-Use Path because:

it provides a safety corridor and public usage path for residents away from a busy road. Having ridden the existing bike lane, the option of a dedicated route in this area is a welcome relief.

I do not think the sacrifice of the non native trees is of significance. Planting native trees would be the appropriate environmental action.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

From: Tom Carr Zip code: 93110

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From:

William Marantette <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 27, 2022 9:28 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

wallytor@cox.net

Subject:

In Support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path

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Hello,

I support Alignment B of the Modoc Multi-Use Path because:

While connecting the existing Modoc Multi-Use Path with the Obern Path this segment will provide safe off-road access for bikers, walkers, runners and outdoor enthusiasts in general. It will also allow more people to see and enjoy the La Cumbre Modoc Preserve. Please vote yes to the extension and hopefully to Alignment B. Thank you!

From: William Marantette

Zip code: 93109

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From:

Eberhard Brunner < modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 27, 2022 9:10 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

eb@hevanet.com

Subject:

In Support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path

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Hello,

I support Alignment B of the Modoc Multi-Use Path because:

my wife and I like to ride from our house on the Mesa to Goleta Beach Park or UCSB and beyond. Before the completion of the new bike path along Las Positas and now parts of Modoc, it was always a bit challenging being on the side of the road with cars and typically glass and other stuff in the bike lane. Having the path be continuous is a HIUGE asset to safety since it will be continuous from the Mesa all the way to Goleta and its bike path system.

Hopefully, the Cliff changes will still be implemented in the future since this then provides a safe bike path all the way from Santa Barbara's Harbor to Goleta Beach and beyond.

Please approve the path through the Modoc Preserve!

From: Eberhard Brunner

Zip code: 93109

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From:	eva inbar <eva_inbar@cox.net></eva_inbar@cox.net>
Sent:	Thursday, October 27, 2022 11:27 AM
То:	sbcob
Subject:	Modoc bike path - OPPOSED

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Dear supervisors,

I am opposed to the Modoc bike path project.

Alignment B would harm the Modoc Preserve and would be legally impossible;

Alignment A would destroy 48 trees, including 29 historic palm trees.

Sincerely,

Eva Inbar

From: Chelsea Beach < chelseabeach01@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 11:53 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: I oppose the proposed Modoc Road bike path

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I oppose the proposed bike path on Modoc Road between Via Senda and Encore. It is not needed and will disrupt the ecology of the preserve. IT IS A PRESERVE. It is supposed to be protected in perpetuity. DO NOT PAVE, DO NOT CUT DOWN TREES! It is not needed. My family has lived across the street from the preserve since 1964. My child rides his bike to school everyday, as did his grandmother. There is no need. It's a waste of money and a complete attack on the preserve!

Chelsea Beach 480-772-0100

From: Don Lubach <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 1:04 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: donlubach@gmail.com

Subject: In Support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path

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Hello,

I support Alignment B of the Modoc Multi-Use Path because:

I just met friends for breakfast at Arroyo Burro Beach. My ride from Noleta to the beach was almost entirely on a class 1 bike path. The only road section was along Modoc. I am thrilled that the ride will soon be even more save and more lovely for my breakfast rides. But of much greater importance is that the families with children will be more safe along the Modoc corridor. I am happy to join any crew planting NATIVE replacement trees. We can work together to make this beautiful space better. This is not a TREES v. BIKES battle, rather, it's an opportunity for us to work as a community to preserve open space while making it easier and more safe to chose walking and cycling over car transport.

From: Don Lubach Zip code: 93111

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From: Art Ludwig <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 1:25 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: oasis@oasisdesign.net

Subject: In Support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path

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Hello,

I support Alignment B of the Modoc Multi-Use Path because:

This segment of the Modoc Bikeway is key to our quality of life and sustainable future.

Like it or not, many more people are coming to the South Coast, due to state housing mandates and worsening climate in the interior of the country.

If population increase leads to increased use of cars, both our treasured quality of life and the climate is doomed. The increase in VMT per capita in the last 50 years is one of the greatest leadership failures of our time. If we can make carfree living so appealing that per capita and VMT decline, it could be nicer to live here in the future than it is now, for all transportation users; safer, healthier, cleaner, and more affordable.

It is harder to create a new system than to fit into an existing one.

With our wealth, skills, and favorable climate, it is incumbent on SBC to create a transportation system in which all roads are safe for all users, and it is practical and appealing for anyone who wants to live car free. Each car-free individual frees up parking, reduces congestion, lowers the County's carbon footprint, and is MUCH easier to house affordably.

This is a key point: State and local housing mandates presume and requires lower car use for anything resembling a positive outcome.

Every dollar spent on transportation infrastructure or maintenance must make active transportation more practical and appealing (as well as other facets of a healthy transportation future, such as the eventual use of shared, autonomous, electric vehicles).

Zooming in towards the Modoc path, we must first consider that this bikeway segment is part of the arterial bikeway from Canada to Mexico, from SB to UCSB, from IV and Goleta to SBCC, and from local neighborhoods to San Marcos high school. Biking to San Marcos is how I started my 43 years of regular use of this bike route. This segment is at a pinch point between the 101 freeway and the hilly, private enclave of Hope Ranch. There really is no feasible alternative to this route. Whatever is done here will be the bikeway equivalent of the 101, 5 and 1 for the foreseeable future. This is a great opportunity for the County to exercise leadership to overcome obstacles and achieve an optimum design that will not be a limiting factor for who feels safe and enticed out of their car (or their parents car) and on to a bike.

With respect to design particulars—

This segment, like all active transportation corridors in the near future, will require shade to be usable. When it is 100° in the shade, pavement in the sun is often in excess of 160.° Thus, as few mature trees as possible should be removed, and shade trees appropriate to the future climate should be planted. If this means changing a conservation easement, it should be changed.

This is an area of stormwater impoundment and infiltration; bikeways contribute clean stormwater runoff which helps irrigate their own shade.

The stormwater accounting scam of rough, permeable pavement should be avoided, with a smoother, lower cost, lower maintenance riding surface and long-term sustainable infiltration in uncompacted, vastly more permeable mulched basins outside the area needed for geotechical support of the bikeway.

The route should be engineered with the respect for efficiency routinely given cars but often denied human powered transportation:

ups, downs, turns and length minimized.

The route should support the full range of users, from little kids on trikes to fast, long, heavy electric-assist freight bikes and family bikes, with room for more lanes to be added in the future. If we have a future, it will have a lot more bikes than can fit on the current bikeways.

I am happy to support an integrated, optimized design for this and other bikeways however I can. I rode this route as a young kid with my parents to the fiddlers conventions; to high school; rode my own two children to their schools from infancy to graduation; rode through falling embers and burning palm fronds during the Painted Cave fire; through dark, frost, heat, and major storm events; and with all manner of freight from groceries to a tablesaw. I've helped cyclists fix flats on this stretch; pushed tired riders up the roller coaster hills as traffic whizzed by; and escorted riders in the dark who had dead batteries or no lights on one of the South Coast's routes where close proximity to high speed traffic is hardest to avoid.

I thank you in advance for your leadership towards making this key segment the strongest possible link for our sustainable transportation future.

Yours-

Art Ludwig

From: Art Ludwig Zip code: 93101

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From: Kathryn Hanson < katiewelch1@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 1:31 PM

To: Hart, Gregg

Cc: Eric Hanson; sbcob; SupervisorWilliams@com; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino,

Steve; laura@lauracapps.com

Subject: Katie & Eric Hanson - former neighbors - opposed

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Hi Gregg, I have written before, but at this impactful time, I wanted to reach out once more.

This is Katie Hanson, wife of Eric Hanson (GM at bouchon), and your former neighbor. We now live on the corner of Encore Dr & Modoc, with our 2 kids (son - 3YO, and daughter 1YO).

Our stomach has been in a pit ever since we learned of the multi-use path project. A huge reason for why we bought here was due to the joy the Preserve and all of its trees bring to us as we walk the Preserve, as well as what they do to the area/neighborhood as a whole, and lastly, for the very peaceful views from our home. To see those wiped, and replaced with Oaks, that will never grow to the size or stature of the Eucs or Palms in our lifetime, will be devastating. Moreover, to have a flashy, large, wide path running through this "country road", will ruin the entire vibe of the area.

We appreciate what the city is trying to do - a multi-use path, with the goal of connectivity. I think a multi-use path is a wise idea - but not at the cost of any of the trees along Modoc (any of the trees - native, or not).

We do not understand why the path cannot run along the railroad track, as I believe it does in other areas of town, and other cities. We implore you to explore alternatives that are not at the cost of any of the trees. It will be devastating if these trees come down, as they bring so much joy to so many - humans & nature.

I hope you experienced, felt, and enjoyed that "joy" when you rode along Modoc yourself - I saw you cruise by independently. If you feel as though it's a safety issue due to traffic - then let's work on the traffic. **But let's not take down these trees**, that is not the answer.

To that end, we are opposed to the Modoc bike path project.

Alignment B would harm the Modoc Preserve and would be legally impossible.

Alignment A would destroy 48 trees, including 29 historic palm trees.

We oppose both alignments.

Thank you, Katie & Eric Hanson

From: Kendra Oleson <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 3:02 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: kendraoleson14@gmail.com

Subject: In Support of the Modoc Multi-Use Path

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Hello,

I support Alignment B of the Modoc Multi-Use Path because:

It would give my children the opportunity to ride their bikes to school in a much safer environment. We will not allow them to ride their bikes with the current street bike path.

From: Kendra Oleson Zip code: 93105

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