Public Comment-Group 4

# **Brianda Negrete**

From: bonesjazz0@gmail.com

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 3:04 PM

To: Supervisor Das Williams; sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino,

Steve; laura@lauracapps.com

**Subject:** Opposed to Modoc Road Bike Path Project

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Dear Supervisors,

I am opposed to the Modoc Road 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.

I oppose both alignments.

Sincerely,

Mike Glick

Sent:	Friday, October 28, 2022 3:09 PM
To:	sbcob
Subject:	Fwd: I opposed the Modoc bike path project

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Sincerely,

Bridget Bryden

From: John Douglas <jed805@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 3:29 PM

**To:** Supervisor Das Williams; Lavagnino, Steve; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; sbcob;

laura@lauracapps.com

**Subject:** Vote NO on the Modoc Path MND

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Supervisors: I have walked through the Modoc Preserve and I have biked along the path comprising proposed Alignment C. I urge you to reject Alignments A and B, and adopt Alignment C as the only proper solution for extending the bike path. A and B will cause irreparable damage to the preserve, its irreplaceable trees and the wildlife that lives in the trees.

Thanks for considering my views.

# John E. Douglas Santa Barbara

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John Enrico Douglas (805) 284-2082 <u>jed805@gmail.com</u> www.JohnEDouglas.com

From: Katie Davis <kdavis2468@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 4:35 PM

To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob;

Lavagnino, Steve; Supervisor Das Williams; Elliott, Darcel; Henson, Chris; Litten, Jefferson;

Wageneck, Lael; Jones, Morgan; Sneddon, Chris

**Subject:** Nov 1, Agenda item #6: Broad-based Organization Support for Modoc Road Multi-Use

Trail Phase II

Attachments: organizations support modoc path.pdf

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

The **Modoc Path** enjoys broad-based, community support from bike and trail groups, environmental organizations, community advocates from students to seniors, and businesses, including the Chamber of Commerce.

Please see the attached organization letter of support signed by a diverse group of local organizations and stakeholders.

Regards,

**Katie Davis** 

Chair, Sierra Club Santa Barbara-Ventura Chapter

From:

Mark Morey <drbrokenman@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 28, 2022 6:51 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Modoc bike path

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Hi,

I am very much in favor of connecting one Class I bike lane with another in that Modoc corridor. The main pushback I hear in my environmental preservation group is that it's "no big deal" to have cars racing past you at 40mph, and the non-native trees are sacred and historic. Also, any paving of that open space preserve is bad.

I have worked for 30 years protecting the Gaviota Coast from development despite the best efforts of our local politicians. I am always thinking of the long term. In the case of bike paths, the comments about not needing a path come from essentially professional cyclists. Would you take your 6 year old on the side of Modoc? But when you build paths away from cars, people will use them. More so if they can do so in safety and without fear. I also hear we have \$5M to spend on it, so make it fancy. Class I bike lanes are the future to get people out of cars for these short trips.

thanks, Mark Morey 5006 Carbo Circle, SB, CA 805-698-8244

From: Andrea Cullinen <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 7:21 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: andreacullinen@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 commute to work by bicycle from Goleta to SBCC weekly. I have seen quite a few near misses between vehicles and cyclists along this stretch of road. The proliferation of e-bikes has lead to large groups of high school (and younger) students using this route to get home from school. This path will help keep cyclists and pedestrians safe.

Thank you for your time.

From: Andrea Cullinen Zip code: 93117

\*\*\*Please note that this email was sent by Andrea Cullinen via a Google form (found at modocmultiusepath.com), so while the sender of this email appears to be modocmultiusepath@gmail.com, clicking "Reply" will in fact reply to Andrea Cullinen's email address: andreacullinen@gmail.com

From: betty winholtz <winholtz@sbcglobal.net>

**Sent:** Friday, October 28, 2022 11:32 PM

To: sbcob; Supervisor Das Williams; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino,

Steve; laura@lauracapps.com

**Subject:** oppose for tuesday meeting

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Dear Supervisors:

I am opposed to the Modoc Road bike path project. I oppose both alignments.

**Alignment A** would destroy 48 trees, including 29 historic palm trees. **Alignment B** would harm the Modoc Preserve and would be legally impossible.

Sincerely,

Betty Winholtz

From:

Carol Gordon <cluxgordon@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 28, 2022 11:48 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

The Modoc Road bike path.

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I am opposed to the Modoc Road bike path. Surely once in a while City leaders should be able to "think outside the BIKE LANE." When the number of people who do not benefit from these lanes is compared with those who do - not per the environmental/anti-car reports but an actual COUNT of people using the plethora of bike lanes created from previous traffic lanes, another point can be made. The masses being "punished" for preferring cars pay taxes too.

More important are the trees planned for destruction — just because plans were drawn and motions were seconded etc. in some past years.

Please - respect the thoughts of us Santa Barbara citizens who understand and care about this city's famous beauty! Especially since there exists already an adequate bike path.

Carol Gordon

820 Dolores Dr.

805-448-8505

From: nant@cox.net

Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2022 12:12 AM

To:sbcobSubject:Opposed

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I am opposed to the Modoc Road Bike Path. Nan Taylor

Cynthia Steen <csteen12@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 29, 2022 8:24 AM

To: Subject: sbcob OPPOSE

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Dear Supervisors,

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

I oppose both alignments.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Steen

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	Luella Engelhart <lengelh@gmail.com> Saturday, October 29, 2022 9:50 AM sbcob Dennis Gagnon; Luella Engelhart Opposed to the Modoc Road bike path project</lengelh@gmail.com>	
	ited from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not ents unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.	
Dear Supervisors:		
	sed Alignments A and B of the Modoc Road Multi-Use Bike Class I Project for on Modoc Road to the Obern path.	
We do support easy and inexp that area, and generally throug	ensive traffic improvements for safe biking on the existing Class II bike lanes in hout Santa Barbara.	
that is underway is unnece proposed project) are and have neighborhood. It is wasteful ar	corhood and have been bicycling on Modoc Road since the 1970s. <b>The project issary</b> because the existing Class II lanes (only a few feet away from the elebeen perfectly safe for cycling. This project has been so disruptive to our not it threatens to destroy the beautiful stretch of road where the many Canary lees provide shade and beauty along the existing bike lanes.	
no further harm. Adding this C	vironmental challenges today, every single thing we do should either help or do class I bike path alongside Modoc Road's Class II bike lanes will not help bara electric bikes have already accomplished that. The project will only e Modoc Preserve.	
So, please vote no on propose alternatives to this project.	d Alignment A and Alignment B and only consider more environmentally friendly	
Thank you.		
Sincerely,		
Luella Engelhart, Voter		
Dennis Gagnon, Voter		
965 La Senda		
Santa Barbara, CA 93105		

From: JoAnne Chartrand < joannachartrand@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2022 11:42 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Please do not remove the old trees on MOdoc - that is a crime!

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From: Vicky Blum <blunvicky@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2022 7:28 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Fwd: Opposed to the Modoc Road Bike Path Project

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- >> To: The Board of Supervisors:
- >> I ride my bike almost everyday and I've always been disappointed with how poorly Santa Barbara deals with bicycles. I appreciate that parts of downtown Santa Barbara were built a long time ago and there isn't room for bike lanes, but parts of town are extremely dangerous.

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>> At the same time, I think it's a tragedy for the County to consider removing trees on Modoc Road to make room for a new bike lane. The 25 acre preserve is beautiful and the bike lanes on Modoc are relatively safe. It's like what they've done on Las Positas—the new bike lanes are great, but the existing lanes were adequate. I still see bicyclists riding on the old lanes on Las Positas rather than the fancy new ones.

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>> It isn't necessary for Santa Barbara to create another bike path and destroy the gorgeous land preserve. We could put a curb between the cars and the bikes on Modoc, and that'd help to protect the cyclists.

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>> There are so many other areas in our community that desperately need bike lanes (like Santa Barbara, Anacapa and Micheltorena Street). On those streets, there is virtually no shoulder and frequently bicyclists have to ride next to parked cars; a driver could open their door and knock them over at any time. From my perspective, those streets are far more dangerous than the bike lanes on Modoc.

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- >> Thank you for your consideration,
- >> Vicky Blum
- >> 703 Litchfield Lane
- >> Santa Barbara, CA 93109

From: Manoj Cooray <manojcooray@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2022 9:03 PM

To: sbcob; Supervisor Das Williams; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino,

Steve; laura@lauracapps.com

**Subject:** Modoc Road bike path project - OPPOSED

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Dear Supervisor,

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I oppose both alignments.

Sincerely,

Manoj Cooray

Regular user of Modoc Rd going to YMCA by bike

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Debbi Brown <dbrown7214@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2022 10:43 AM

To: sbcob
Subject: Modoc trees

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I do not want those beautiful trees cut down. There is another way to incorporate a bike/pedestrian path. If no other plan is acceptable then the trees must win. A bike path along Modoc is not worth cutting down the trees.

Deborah R Brown 4755 Camino Del Rey SB 93110

From: Robert Moore < redwardmoore 7@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 30, 2022 12:53 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail Phase II Environmental, Project No. 862416

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Perhaps a needed reminder that trees are alive, like you and I. It is not tree removal, but tree execution. You would not consider the executions of 20 to 60 people for a trail. Why are you so indifferent to the life of trees? Trees are one of our most valuable environmental resources, and they give and sustain the life of multitudes of other forms of life. However beneficial the utility, it is important to consider values over utility.

The execution of these trees would be just another example of humanity ignoring our dependence on Nature - in favor short sighted schemes and money.

Thank you, Robert Moore

From: Lisa Sands lisasandsdesign@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2022 2:13 PM

To: Hart, Gregg

Cc: Supervisor Das Williams; Lavagnino, Steve; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; sbcob;

laura@lauracapps.com; Carbajal, Salud; senator.limon@senate.ca; Deb & Warren

**Thomas** 

**Subject:** PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE MODOC PATH MND

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Dear Supervisor Hart and All Copied Recipients,

First and foremost please VOTE NO on the Modoc Path MND.

Second, here are just a few reasons for this NO vote:

- 1. The current MND only offers two choices: Which are both incomprehensible and without any right.
- 2. Alignment A, includes removal of up to 48 trees, including 29 Canary Island Palms; or
- 3. Alignment B, will harm and encroach the Modoc Preserve. It seems you have forgotten this IS a Land Preserve.
- 4. If Alignment B proceeds it is most likely to end up in a legal battle between the County and the Land Trust. This is how you wish to spend tax dollars? In a legal battle with a Land Trust? I don't think that is a responsible use of tax dollars EVER.
- 5. The Land Trust has said in their letter to you the following:
- "Alignment B of the proposed Path-Santa Barbara County's preferred alignment-<u>likely conflicts with the Conservation</u>
  <u>Easement.</u> Alignment B encroaches upon the Preserve, and Alignment B's construction and use would likely **violate**<u>express prohibitions listed in the Conservation Easement."</u>

"As discussed further, the Land Trust is legally required and authorized to defend against violations of the Conservation Easement by third parties, including the County. The Land Trust does not oppose the Path in principle, and it has no interest in unnecessary litigation. But as presented in the MND, <u>Alignment B appears to conflict with the Conservation Easement</u>, and the MND <u>does not contain sufficient information</u> for the Land Trust to evaluate the construction and use of Alignment B and whether acceptable alternatives exist for the Path to be consistent with the Conservation Easement."

"Because the MND lacks such information, the Land Trust requests the County postpone approval of the MND. The County must first provide sufficient information to the Land Trust to determine if Alignment B or alternatives are consistent with the Conservation Easement. Such information should have been included in the MND. Unless the County first provides that information, or in the absence of appropriate action by the County to take the area of the Preserve affected by Alignment B, the Land Trust cannot agree with Alignment B as described in the MND."

Mr. Hart I ask you now and have before, please listen to all the objections to this Modoc Path MND. Listen and take into account the Land Trust for the Modoc Preserve. Vote No on the Modoc Path MND.

It is with heartfelt concern that you make the right choice by voting NO on the Modoc Path MND.

I remain,

Lisa Sands

From: cathy rice <crice1884@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2022 4:10 PM

To: sbcob
Subject: OBJECT

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Please Sirs,

Leave the Modoc Preserve alone.

Cathy Rice

Santa Barbara County resident and taxpayer

From: Ted Bergstrom <tedb@econ.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2022 4:22 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Modoc bicycle 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.

I write to express my enthusiastic support for the Alignment B form of the Modoc bicycle path.

As a regular bicycle commuter on that path, I would greatly value the additional safety. Moreover, for most users, this would be a beautiful and peaceful improvement in the experience of traveling this route.

I realize that some of the neighbors to the path are vociferously opposed. I wonder if their opposition could be tempered by additional efforts to beautify the path and the nearby area.

If this costs additional money, I suspect that current users of the path would be happy to supplement the expenditure with donations. Certainly I would be happy to contributor.

One thought is that extra efforts could be made to save some of the 21 trees that are planned to be cut for Alternative B. Even if doing so is costly, and not necessarily efficient,

saving some of these trees might make the project more palatable to those currently opposed.

But maybe there are more imaginative ways of making improving the area behind the path that would make the whole project attractive or at least acceptable to the neighbors.

Regards,

**Ted Bergstrom** 

From: Kathleen Morales < Kathleen Morales vivalafiesta 2014@outlook.com

Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2022 4:39 PM

To:sbcobSubject:Modoc

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Sent from Mail for Windows

From:

Tami Bilco <tamithak10@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, October 30, 2022 5:12 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Save the trees

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.

I am writing to voice my concerns over the removal of trees on Modoc Rd. This land is home to many animals and helps our environment. At a time when land is scarce I find it a tragedy to pave over the land that has been preserved already. There are alternatives such as the cones like they have on Calle Real near Fairview and to slow down the speed limit there. I have observed very few bike riders on that trail that we are spending millions of dollars on. What I once loved about Santa Barbara is now all being paved over and turning into LA or Orange County. That is not what people want here.

Please consider other alternatives, Tami Bilco

Sent from my iPhone

From:

insidewinesantabarbara@yahoo.com

Sent:

Sunday, October 30, 2022 5:30 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Modoc dedicated bike lane extension

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.

Greetings,

I am a Santa Barbara homeowner and bike rider; I'm on my bike 6 days a week.

I am opposed to any version of the Modoc Road bike path project between Las Palmas and the entrance to the Obern Trial. There is no need to install a dedicated bike path in this section, the onroad bike lane works well and is safe.

Please do not allow any of the 48 historic trees to be cut down in this area!

The dedicated bike lane on Las Positas was a great idea and a huge enhancement to our city. Thank you.

But, the monies you would have allocated for tearing up the old trees and extending the Modoc dedicated bike path should be used instead to create a safe bike lane across Las Positas. There isn't a safe was to bike from the Mesa or Hope Ranch across to upper State and downtown.

Thanks for the work that you do to better our city and thanks in advance for stopping work on the Las Palmas to Obern Trail road.

Yours.

Tama Takahashi 551 Arroyo Avenue

Tama Takahashi Inside Wine Santa Barbara www.meetup.com/inside-Wine-Santa-Barbara 805-302-0565

From: Jaime Turgeon <jaime.turgeon@icloud.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2022 9:33 PM

To:sbcobSubject:Opposed

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Dear Supervisor,

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

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

I oppose both alignments.

Sincerely,

Jaime Turgeon

Sent from my iPhone

From: Nancy <nancyc@impulse.net>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 30, 2022 10:05 PM

To:sbcobSubject:Modoc Trail

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.

I live on La Entrada and am very familiar with the area and trees in the contested area.

We just endured 2 years of construction of the Modoc/ Las Positas bike lane and path.

The bike lane is still in the street so what is the off the street "trail" for.? Who designed this? Who has designed the trail where you want to remove our trees .

The county should post persons in the area to see who uses this area now. The trail does not need to be a wide paved monstrosity!

The new paved trail along Modoc does not get the use to justify it's construction!! It just brought a lot of confusion for bicyclists and I have never once seen a wheel chair! (the Las Positas part is the exception) Use the loads of funding you must have for construction of paved trails to better use. Come sit for a day or two and you will see what I mean!! Leave the trees! Connect the trails in a more natural way if you need to do something!!

Nancy Callahan

805-252-9231

Sent from my iPhone

From: Zachary Elgart <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 8:11 AM

To: sbcob

**Cc:** zachary.elgart@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 helps me get around town without a car, reducing my carbon footprint and increasing my health. Plus, my young neices need safe spaces to recreate, as does everyone else! This is a no brainer

From: Zachary Elgart Zip code: 93101

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From:

Chris Proctor <chris@proctor.net>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 8:29 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Modoc Bike Path

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Dear Supervisors,

I strongly urge you to support the development of a Class one bike path along Modoc. As an orthopedic surgeon treating bike injuries, I can assure you that the lives and safety of children, students, the elderly, and families depend on it. Thank you,

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Christopher Proctor, MD

From: Adam Lambert <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 8:41 AM

To: sbcob

Cc: alambert@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:

The Multi-Use path provides safe bicycle transportation and is compatible with conservation, open space, and recreational values of the Modoc Preserve and surrounding area. Expanding alternative modes of transportation is critical to reducing fossil fuel consumption and reducing human carbon emissions. The path alignments will only impact areas that are currently occupied by invasive grasses and weeds, none of the restored areas will be altered. The removal of introduced, invasive trees and restoration with native plants more than off-sets any project impacts, resulting in more young, healthy native trees for wildlife. This project will bring the community closer to open space and help to educate about the importance of restoring degraded natural settings in human dominated landscapes.

From: Adam Lambert Zip code: 93110

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From: Jeremy <jeremygoleta@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 8:47 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: Why I support the bike path going in on Modoc Road

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.

I'm a lifelong Santa Barbara resident, I actually grew up on Lyric Lane off of Encore Lane which is directly across from the bike path and I grew up riding my bicycle along that stretch of Modoc back when La cumber Plaza was a common destination. As an adult I use my bicycle for commuting to work several days a week. Riding on Modoc Road is the most perilous part of my commute. A lot of people look at it and say there is a bike path it doesn't need more space it's really not a safety issue, but I think a lot of the times they are not taking into account the types of usage that bicycle commuters use. Even on a bright sunny day that's well lit with my reflective vest on and day glow colors I worry about cars hitting me. the difference between a speed of bicycle can go and the rate that traffic is moving on Modoc Road is significant. It also seems to be a stretch that I see many drivers looking at their phones on and engaging in distracted driving behavior. As the days get shorter and sometimes the weather becomes inclement it becomes downright scary to ride on modoc. It doesn't often rain here in Santa Barbara but when it does if it's just a light rain I will often still commute. It really makes that ride when the visibility is diminished extremely scary. They separated bike path would address this issue along this relatively high speed as far as cars go anyways route. Because of the improved bike path along the part of Modoc between Callie De Los Amigos and Cliff Drive I've been able to use my bicycle to commute more on days when I'm working up on the mesa. In the past I would never ride my bicycle along Las Positas because it is so dangerous. Although I am a nature lover and bird watcher who normally opposes removing any trees I feel like the proposals that would take out some of the palm trees and eucalyptus trees and replace them with other native trees is a good long-term solution. I think if we want to encourage our town to use bicycles for commuting we need to do things to try and make it safely when we can do so without negatively impacting the flow of automobile traffic which is also extremely important given that that's how most people commute. Please do not let this opportunity to have funding from the state help pay for this bike path which would improve the quality of life and safety for entire community. For us to have an opportunity to do this that does not have a heavy fiscal impact on our local community and will improve our access to Safe commuting routes is important. I don't believe that the concerns of the people who think that these palm trees should not be removed outweigh the benefits, particularly given that the trees removed will be replaced with other native species. Thank you for your serious consideration of this complicated and nuanced issue. Sincerely Jeremy **Bordofsky** 

From:

Greg Goodman < greginsb@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 9:06 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Modoc Bikepath

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.

County Supervisors,

As an avid biker, my partner and I regularly ride along Modoc. The new proposed bike path that uses part of the Modoc Preserve would be a great improvement and I highly encourage you to vote for the bike path extension that would provide greater separation from cars and use a tiny portion of the preserve.

Long time resident Greg Goodman

From: Elvira Rose <elvira2227@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 9:07 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Support the 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.

Our household of two avid senior cyclists wholeheartedly support Plan B of the Modoc Multi Use Path.

Please vote yes to keep cyclists safe!

Elvira and Bryant

From:

Fran Davis <francespdavis@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 9:19 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Modoc bike path

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As "elderly" bike riders, we urge you to accept the the bike path as proposed— with grant monies already procured. A safe class one bike path along Modoc that would connect Ellwood to Hendrys beach for kids, students, us older folks and families is essential. The Nimbies who are opposed—mostly due to loss of non-native and highly flammable eucalyptus trees—shouldnt have the final say.

Fran and Roger Davis 249 Moreton Bay Lane Goleta. CA 93117

From:

Nancy Mulholland <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 9:30 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Nmulholland.sbbc@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 provide a safe, separated path through the corridor for all members of our community- not just those who are able to negotiate the current rough trail system. It would also improve both the safety and environmental impact of the corridor by encouraging all users to decrease their dependence on automobiles for short distance trips. Finally the election of alignment B would result in the removal and replacement of the fewest number of trees to achieve these goals.

I ask that the Board of Supervisors to support the Final MND and direct staff to collaborate with stakeholders and proceed to the next phase of planning.

Thank you,

From: Nancy Mulholland

Zip code: 93101

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Nmulholland.sbbc@gmail.com

From: Cathy Callaway <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 9:46 AM

To: sbcob

**Cc:** cc1234567000@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 commute to work on my bike from Santa Barbara to Goleta on this route. I also ride my bike most weekend days on this route. Currently it is dangerous as the cars and trucks on the road are going 45 MPH and over and the bicyclist has to cross the street to get on the path.

It would be wonderful to have a separated path from the road.

From: Cathy Callaway Zip code: 93105

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cc1234567000@gmail.com

From: Jeffrey Light <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 9:49 AM

To: sbcob

Cc: JLight@mymangreenspan.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's a great way to encourage non-auto transport. Linking Obern and Las Positas Trails is a great idea.

From: Jeffrey Light Zip code: 93110

JLight@MymanGreenspan.com

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David Litschel <dlitschel@gmail.com> From: Monday, October 31, 2022 10:02 AM Sent:

To: sbcob

Subject: Don't cut down the Canary palms

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Dear Supervisor,

I have marveled at the natural beauty of the Santa Barbara area for the 40+ years I have lived here. However, the idea of cutting down a row of 100 year old palm trees that create some of the natural beauty I mentioned is simply crazy. There are other ways to make (or not make) a bicycle freeway. I am strongly opposed to cutting the Canary palms down on Modoc.

David

David Litschel Photographer 559 Via Rueda Santa Barbara, CA 93110 805-450-0557 http://www.davidlitschel.com info@davidlitschel.com

From:

Hillary Blackerby <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 10:11 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

hillary.blackerby@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 will fill a gap that currently makes it unsafe to bike between Santa Barbara, the County, and Goleta. Please choose Alignment B.

From: Hillary Blackerby

Zip code: 93101

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From: Robert Bernstein <robert@robert.name>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 10:28 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: Support Modoc Multi Use Trail

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### To County Clerk:

Please read the following message into the record on this item on the agenda November 1, 2022. This is for agenda item 6, File number 22-00956.

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As Transportation Chair of the Sierra Club Santa Barbara Group, I want to give my support to the Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail.

I have been biking that section of Modoc Road for over 40 years, since I was a UCSB student. It is wonderful that over these years various separated trails have been built for biking and walking. This Modoc Trail will fill an important gap in the system.

We support Alignment B which is the ideal compromise for the most pleasant experience for trail users, while minimizing tree removal.

It is important to understand the difference between native trees that provide habitat for native species and trees that do provide such habitat. Most of the trees that need to be removed have little or no ecosystem importance as habitat. We very much support replacing these invasive non-native trees with trees and other vegetation that can sustain native animal species.

Our understanding is that a paved surface for the trail (with unpaved shoulders) will provide the best surface for all trail users and will minimize maintenance needs in the long run.

We urge the County to move forward with this project as recommended by County Staff. Thank you!

Best wishes,
Robert Bernstein
Vice Chair and Transportation Chair - Sierra Club Santa Barbara Group robert@robert.name

Robert Bernstein 7100 Georgetown Road Goleta, CA 93117

From: Gregg Hart <gregg@hartconsulting.org>

**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2022 11:01 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Support for Modoc Bike Path Improvements

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Dear Supervisors,

As a concerned citizen and a former Goleta Parks & Recreation commissioner, I am writing to ask that you support the improvements to the Modoc Bike Path proposal, Alignment B.

As a bicyclist (and motorist), this project is particularly critical for two reasons in my mind: safety and encouraging more people to bike. The safety aspect alone should merit your support. As someone who broke two ribs when I had a parked car door opened on me, I can tell you firsthand how hard it is to stay safe on bike paths shared with cars.

Without belaboring the troubling trends of the childhood obesity epidemic; climate change impacts and community connections this would enable, this opportunity is too good to pass up. And who would want to pass up external funding of about \$5.4 million funded by a Caltans Active Transportation Program grant?

The counter arguments I've heard about are very weak in the face of the massive improvement this would be to our community. I implore you to support this project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gregg W. Hart

Former Goleta Parks & Recreation Commissioner & Goleta Design & Review Board member (not the assembly candidate of the same name!)
6188 Covington Way
Goleta, CA 93117

From: Elyse King <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2022 11:10 AM

To: sbcob

Cc: elwilliams@westmont.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 help run an adventure company and we rent bikes to tourists. Some of them want to ride from downtown to goleta and we want to be able to recommend a SAFE route that provides them with as much path as possible.

From: Elyse King Zip code: 93110

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From:

Connor King <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 11:12 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Ctdaking77@yahoo.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 help run an adventure company and we rent bikes to tourists. Some of them want to ride from downtown to goleta and we want to be able to recommend a SAFE route that provides them with as much path as possible.

From: Connor King Zip code: 93110

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From: Kaitlyn Mullin <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 11:15 AM

To: sbcob

Cc: kmmullin97@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: this will be a much safer path for transportation! I constantly have to bike up Modoc and have gotten multiple flat tires and nearly run over by cars, despite being in the bike lane. This would be far safer and encourage way less driving in this area!

From: Kaitlyn Mullin Zip code: 93117

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From: Tyson Blades <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 11:25 AM

To: sbcob

**Cc:** tyson.blades@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:

If we truly want to support a transportation-friendly infrastructure, bicycles cannot be ignored. The residents of the county are in need of an uninterrupted route across town. Believe it or not, people use bicycles for more than just recreation. Commuting by bicycle to work and school exists... It does more that just save gas and reduce pollution. It reduces traffic congestion. We all want to live and work and study in a place where we can all contribute to the happiness of our residents. As for the trees? Eucalypti have been part of my life since I was born here 52 years ago. However, oaks are way better for the environment and are native to the area. Please consider voting yes and thank you for your time.

From: Tyson Blades Zip code: 93101

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From: Carolyn G < CGamble\_grants@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 11:28 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Modoc Multi-Path Project

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# **Dear Council Members:**

As a resident of the Hope Ranch Adjacent area across from the Preserve (on Lyric Lane), I urge you to build the Multi-Use path. I have heard all the accidents and near accidents over the past 12 years (one involved a man in a motorized wheelchair). Children, families and cyclists need a safe path that is not just a line of paint separating them from cars and trucks. Cars and trucks will always win. It happened to Daniel Robinson. He was a cyclist riding on Modoc Road in dark clothes, and he died. With a separate Class One bike path, he would still be alive. A similar fate happened to 12-year old Jake Boysel. Though on a different road, he was also traveling on a bike/street path close by and he lost his life.

Yes, trees are great and I do love birds and butterflies and bees. In fact, I have a great view of the lovely trees and the preserve from my yard. But, this is such a great chance to get people moving and get cars off the road, provide more access for all kinds of people, and will also mean people can safely ride bikes to and from work or the beach, etc. How great would it be to go all the way from Hendry's Beach to Goleta Beach without feeling the need to worry about cars coming back from the Creekside?

Please pick the option with the least trees to be downed. A compromise would be awesome. We can coexist.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Gamble (805) 598-7161

across the country, as heard on NPR's All Things Considered on May 25, 2022.	

P.S. -- Pedestrian and cyclist deaths have been increasing at an alarming rate

From: Owen Powell <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2022 11:30 AM

To: sbcob

**Cc:** owenpowell360@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 support Modoc bike path because it gives kids and residents an awesome way to ride on Modoc without the danger of being inches/feet away from cars. The trees that will be removed are not even native and they are invasive so it would be healthier to remove them anyway.

Anyone that says they don't support the path has no common sense and are absolutely brain dead. Frick the nimbies.

From: Owen Powell Zip code: 93117

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From:

Larry Bickford <larrybic@me.com> Monday, October 31, 2022 11:42 AM

Sent: To:

sbcob

Subject:

in support of Modoc MUP

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Re: Nov 1, 2022 agenda item 6

I strongly support the current staff proposal for the Modoc MUP and urge the County to move with due haste to build and complete the project.

I used to live down the street (Nueces Dr) and walked, biked and rode my horse through the Modoc Preserve. I still do (but not the horse part (a) and bike along Vieja Dr). Providing a safe and accessible path connecting to the Obern Trail with minimal impact to the Preserve environment has been the goal and I believe we are now there.

The "tree removal" thing should not be an issue. They are non-native trees that do not support *native* ecosystems (unless you consider rats part of that), the eucalyptus trees are a fire hazard and their fallen leaves and seeds poison the surrounding soil. Removal of some and careful trimming to manage the remainder should be the goal.

The primary goal is to provide safe and accessible travel for our community. The Preserve will also benefit from this project.

Thank you, staff, for working so diligently to address the concerns of the neighbors and our overall community.

Best regards,

Larry Bickford Santa Barbara, CA 93105

From: Amanda Cobb <amandacobb31@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2022 12:14 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject**: Modoc Path Support

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of Santa Barbara who frequently bikes to Goleta. I strongly support the proposal for a multi use path. Modoc feels unsafe to bike on and discourages me from using the fantastic existing paths in Goleta and unincorporated areas. Please vote YES on the Modoc Multi Use Path to increase the safety of community members. Thank you!

Amanda Cobb

From:

Fred Barbaria <fredb93117@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 12:30 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail Phase II Environmental, Project No. 862416

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Hello,

My wife and I have ridden our bicycles along Modoc Road between the end of the Obern Trail and Calle Los Amigos multiple times. I feel that this is a needlessly dangerous bike path with vehicles passing cyclists closely at over 40MPH. I certainly would not send my child on that route! The path is narrow on both sides of Modoc with some residential plantings intruding into the bike path on the north side of the street.

I encourage you to go forward with the new bike trail and prefer alignment B but if that is not feasible to proceed with alignment A.

Thank you,

Fred Barbaria

Goleta, CA

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From:

Dana Gamble < carolyndana g@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 12:31 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

I Support the Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail

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October 31, 2022

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Via email: SBCOB@countyofsb.org

RE: <u>November 1, 2022</u>, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Agenda File # <u>22-00956</u>: Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail Phase II Environmental, Project No. 862416, Second District

Dear Board Chair Hartmann, Second District Supervisor Hart and Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Dana Gamble and I live across the street from the Modoc Preserve and I whole heartedly support the Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail project. As an avid runner (average 30 miles per week) I know that this path will make it nearly impossible for a vehicle to hit me while I am running. As it is now, without a sidewalk and without the multi-use path I face that risk every time I am in the unsafe yet designated bike path portion of the road. Without the completed multi-use trail it is unlikely I will run the newly completed section further down Modoc to Hendry's Beach because of the danger associated.

My comment today is to request that the Board of Supervisors approve Alignment B for the completion of the Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail.

Pedestrians on Modoc Road between Encore Drive and Las Palmas Drive are largely unprotected from traffic. It is not just runners and cyclists, but also families and unaccompanied children on their way to school who traverse this dangerous roadway. There has been one fatality and countless near misses over the last few years. Completing this project will ensure that people who rely on mobility assistance through wheelchairs and other devices, pedestrians, cyclists, babies in strollers and rollerbladers, just to name a few will have safety and security while they enjoy an activity that keeps them outdoors and ensure that they get safely home to their loved ones.

We know that there are many reasons to support this project.

- This project is the second of two County phases that will complete the last gap in a multi-use trail that interconnects the region. The completion of Phase II will create a continuous, separated facility for bicycles and pedestrians of all ages and abilities extending from Isla Vista to Arroyo Burro Beach.
- Pedestrian safety on the roadway would be greatly enhanced. The children in my neighborhood would have a greater level of protection on their way to Vieja Valley Elementary School.
- This multi-use path would promote and inspire outdoor recreation for generations to come.

I appreciate the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' consideration of this project and urge the Board to approve its completion.

Sincerely,

Dana B. Gamble

From: Blake Stok <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 1:01 PM

To: sbcob

**Cc:** americandutch@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:

The Modoc MUP will provide a safe option for all user, including but especially children, families, senior citizens, and those with disabilities to move with confidence between two existing critical areas of protected paths, the Obern and Modoc/Positas path, ultimately providing a safe, unbroken route by which to travel to downtown SB without a car from Goleta/UCSB.

The Modoc MUP will improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by protecting them from 45+ mph traffic on Modoc Rd where there are no sidewalks. Think of students young and old on their way to/from school!

The Modoc Preserve is owned by La Cumbre Water Co. and its shareholders who voted to set this precious open space aside so that the entire community could use and enjoy it. The current rough trail system doesn't allow equal and safe access for school children, parents with strollers, or those with mobility challenges. The Modoc MUP is ADA compliant and will provide equal access to all users.

There is precedent for a paved path as the Obern Trail, which is paved, goes through approximately 300 feet of the preserve and was pointedly not excluded from the property boundaries when it was granted.

In this time of a climate emergency, the time is NOW for the Board of Supervisors to approve the MND and direct County staff to work with stakeholders in designing the best alignment for all users.

From: Blake Stok Zip code: 93105

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From:

blake stok <americandutch@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 1:18 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Support Modoc Multi Use Trail

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To County Clerk:

Please read the following message into the record on this item on the agenda November 1, 2022. This is for agenda item 6, File number 22-00956.

We are in a climate emergency that requires immediate action to draw down our greenhouse gas emissions as rapidly as possible to ensure we maintain a stable biosphere for future generations.

Transportation is the single largest emitter of greenhouse gas emissions within the United States, the state of California, and the County of Santa Barbara. It is imperative our elected officials, like the County Board of Supervisors, act with the urgency required to address the scale of the problem.

This means creating safe and efficient transportation alternatives that are not dependent on the use of fossil fuels.

The Modoc Multi-use Path (MMUP) will serve as a critical and long-planned link in the Santa Barbara county cycling/pedestrian infrastructure by connecting two existing paths, the Obern and Modoc/Positas path, ultimately providing a safe, unbroken route by which to travel to downtown SB without a car from Goleta/UCSB.

The MMUP will improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by protecting them from 45+ mph traffic on Modoc Rd where there are no sidewalks.

The MMUP is an environmental justice project and will provide equitable benefits to all citizens. The current rough trail system doesn't allow equal and safe access for school children, parents with strollers, or those with mobility challenges. The Modoc MUP is ADA compliant and will provide equal access to all users.

I strongly urge, no, I implore the Board of Supervisors to approve the MND and direct county staff to work with stakeholders in designing the best alignment for all users.

Sincerely,

Blake Stok

MOVE SB County board member and Director of Sustainability for Thai Union North America \*all view represented are my own

From:

Claudia Mazzotti <claudia.mazzotti.saavedra@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 31, 2022 2:39 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

I support the Modoc Bike Path

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To whom it may concern,

I lived on The Mesa for many years, I am a rider and I constantly encourage students to ride their bikes. Young people like to ride their bikes and they care for their future, and the environment. How can we ask them to do all they have to do in order to have quality of life if we do not provide them with the right resources to do so? Please, we need to connect our city with bike paths in order to drive less, and we have to take care of our children and youth, the best resource we have for the future.

I support the Modoc Bike Path!

Claudia Mazzotti.

Claudia G. Mazzotti

or

Claudia Gutierrez Mazzotti

or

Claudia Mazzotti

From: Lee Chubb <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 3:01 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: chubbco@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: Alignment B seems the safest and best choice for a valuable and necessary addition to County infrastructure.

From: Lee Chubb Zip code: 93108

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From: John J Reeve <modocmultiusepath@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 3:07 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: jjriv@outlook.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:

Hi! I support the Modoc MUP because as a bicycle commuter and father of two teenage boys, I have been waiting for this path for a long time. Modoc simply isn't safe to ride along with cars whizzing by at 50+ MPH. I refuse to risk my children's lives on that road, but it is

the most direct way to get to Goleta from downtown. So we drive instead. I ride Modoc reluctantly, and have been for 20 years, tensing every time a car flies by from behind me.

This is an opportunity to connect two sides of town and encourage more people to get on their bikes. For example, we are in the San Marcos school district and this path could provide a safe way for kids in our neighborhood to ride to school.

I understand the desire to protect the trees that are there, which is why I support alignment B. I've also hiked the preserve, and my family goes running there often. The trees are nice, but I believe the path should take a higher precedence, especially if it means only removing 21 non native trees that should not be there in the first place.

And the people who are walking thorugh the preserve now can continue to walk it. I believe it should be a shared space for all modes of human powered transport, be it walking or riding a bike.

I hope you will decide to move forward with this much needed path that will benefit the entire community.

From: John J Reeve Zip code: 93101

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