

## de la Guerra, Sheila Public Comment

From: Friedlander, Mark K.

**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 12:51 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** FW: ATP in Old Town Orcutt

Hello,

I believe they plan to send a letter to the COB directly but I wanted to forward comments from OTORO just in case.

Thanks, Mark

From: Kirsten Spallino <kirstenspall@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 7:35 AM

To: Friedlander, Mark K. <mkfriedlander@countyofsb.org>

Cc: Steve Strachan <sstrachantr6@gmail.com>; Samantha Bakke <Sbakke@onecapital.com>

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Dear Mr. Friedlander,

OTORA (Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association) Board Members have examined the Santa Barbara County Active Transportation Plan where it pertains to Orcutt; specifically the Old Town Orcutt area.

As you are aware, the adopted 2006 Streetscape Concept Plan and 2008 Traffic, Circulation, and Parking Study both seek to develop Old Orcutt into a walkable "Main Street" pedestrian environment: safe and comfortable for local residents, and attractive to businesses, shoppers, and tourists.

In recent years, positive changes have already been made.

Areas of the town have become safer, more aesthetically pleasing, and have improved accessibility for residents and visitors with the addition of intersection bulb-outs, angled parking, and street landscaping.

Our objectives thorough OTORA are to continue making progress.

We are pleased to see reference to the aforementioned Old Orcutt traffic study and streetscape plans on page 15 of the ATP, some of which, as stated, has already been completed. We encourage the finished buildout of the streetscape plan to leverage all of the benefits to the community.

We believe the ATP conclusions about Old Orcutt are accurate: that there are still "pain points" to mitigate potentially dangerous situations for pedestrians and bicyclists, and there is lack of continuous sidewalks and proper lighting.

Moreover, the ATP assessment regarding lack of bicycle facilities aligns with OTORA's visions for the community.

The OTORA wholeheartedly supports the ATP observations in Old Orcutt, and is enthused by its presented opportunities.

The ability to fund the needed improvements to Old Orcutt would be a tremendous gift to the benefit of pedestrians, bicyclists, and the entire community.

As a result of the proposed vision and enhancements, the economic forecast would most certainly improve as well. Businesses and commerce in Old Orcutt should be given the best chance to thrive in what persists to be a challenging economic environment.

As such, the OOMA (Old Orcutt Merchant Association) joins OTORA to endorse the county's current ATP.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance to help bring to fruition the ATP in Old Orcutt.

Sincerely, Steven Strachen, President of OTORA & Samantha Bakke, President of OOMA