



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Jessica Matson, Legislative & Information Services Director/City Clerk

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information
Agenda Item 11.a. – July 25, 2023 City Council Meeting
Consideration of Approval of the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan
and Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration

DATE: July 25, 2023

Attached is correspondence received for the above reference item.

cc: City Manager
Assistant City Manager
Community Development Director
City Attorney
City Clerk
City Website and Public Review Binder

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From: [Rick Ellison](#)
To: [public comment](#)
Cc: [Brian Pedrotti](#); [Shannon Sweeney](#); [Steve Kahn](#); [Gary Havas](#)
Subject: Item 11.a. Halcyon Complete Streets Plan
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Dear Members of the Arroyo Grande City Council,
Please find a public comment letter regarding Item 11.a. for the July 25 City Council Meeting. Thank you for your leadership and consideration of our comments.

Best regards,
Rick Ellison

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July 24, 2023

City of Arroyo Grande City Council
300 E Branch Street
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of Bike SLO County, we are writing to support the recommended action to approve the Halcyon Complete Streets Plan with Alternative 2 identified for the Halcyon/Fair Oaks intersection, and Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Agenda Item 11.a.

Bike SLO County encourages infrastructure improvements that increase safety for all people who bike or walk, especially for youth riding or walking to school. We are committed to serving our community by promoting improved safety through education and expanded infrastructure. We feel the improvements planned by the City of Arroyo Grande for the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan will make a safer roadway for all users, including people walking and people on bicycles. The Halcyon Road corridor is a key roadway that will be significantly improved by the adoption of the Complete Streets Plan, especially for vulnerable users.

The plan to improve the entire corridor from El Camino Real to The Pike is essential to address many unsafe conditions that currently exist. While the addition of buffered bike lanes in Context Zone 1 of the plan provides some improvement, we recommend the design and engineering for Context Zone 2 and Context Zone 3, incorporate Class IV protected bike lanes where feasible. Class IV protected bike lanes are a proven way to increase bicycle ridership and improve the safety for vulnerable users.

The City of Arroyo Grande is the fortunate recipient of an \$8.1 million grant (88% of the total project cost) from the California Active Transportation Program (ATP) for the Halcyon Complete Streets Plan. We want to highlight to you that the ATP grant program exists to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by achieving the following goals:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking
- Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users
- Advance the active transportation efforts to achieve Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction goals
- Enhance public health
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users

Without the ATP Grant, the Halcyon Complete Streets Plan would not be possible or suffer great delay, and the importance of making the active modes of transportation the priority of the project cannot be understated.

We also encourage you to approve the staff recommendation of Alternative 2-Compact Roundabout, which, considerably designed for vulnerable roadway users, will enhance traffic flow in the corridor.

The Halcyon Complete Streets Plan will improve roadway users' safety in the City of Arroyo Grande. We urge you to approve Item 11.a, which will significantly and positively impact the community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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Gary Havas
Board President

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Rick Ellison
Executive Director