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I think the blue pedestrian build out safety areas are a good solution in protecting pedestrians from the sharp right turn from Hill onto Bay and in affording a buffer area on the diagonally opposite side of the intersection for those crossing to the Sr. Apts. .

As I live on Capitola Avenue, I was a heavy user of the bridge and now must use Bay. I am sure others do as well...probably increases traffic 10-20% so the immediate single lane merge off the fwy does not work well in my opinion. Most of us going down Bay to Nob Hill will turn right at the car wash into the parking lot anyway rather than waste time at an unnecessary stop to turn right.

I think the original two lanes worked well to prevent bottlenecks and could still work as a "zipper" into one lane mid intersection thus protecting the blue buffer on the corner diagonally for those crossing to the Sr. Apts. Cars previously had to zipper to go straight immediately after crossing the intersection, so it just gets moved up into the intersection within the 4 way stop.. I'd like to see how just the buffer zones and flashing stoplights work without the one lane restriction coming down Bay.

My neighbor takes her kids to Soquel high and elementary and says a previous 10 minute drive now takes 25 minutes because she is restricted to Bay as are many of us.

Getting the bridge back asap will alleviate a big part of the traffic problem....here's hoping it won't be 'a bridge too far'.

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