

## **Westly, Austin**

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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Bike Share Docking Stations

I agree that ebikes need to be incorporated into Capitola and or surrounding communities daily use plan. Vehicle parking is limited, and vehicle pollution is very harmful to the health and wellbeing of our community and its visitors.

We must expand on the need to provide ebikes and other forms of non-pollutant transportation methods. To address this need, we must add additional pedestrian/ bike paths in as many areas as possible so that our residents and visitors will have an alternative use of our resources.

I was born and raised in Santa Cruz. As such, I have travelled to just about every place our county has to offer. I suggest that we reconsider our use of our roads and then make adjustments to create pedestrian/bike paths on one side of the road in areas where it is possible.

Reconfiguring the road and paths could be paid for by obtaining Grants, Forgivable Loans and visitor taxes.

For exampl, we could quickly and easily install a pedestrian/ bike path along the edge of the existing road and open spaces along Hwy 1. below State Park Drive and beyond Park Avenue towards 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue on just one side of the road next to Hwy 1.

Pedestrians, cyclists and others using various forms of transportation would benefit from its use. Thousands of our residents, visitors, college students and people participating in church and other nearby activities in the neighborhood would easily access the path.

Another consideration is the path would decrease our carbon footprint significantly as vehicle traffic would be reduced significantly. As an added benefit the path will reduce the need to ride bikes or walk along the very busy and heavily used Soquel Avenue roadway.

The path would be linked to the overpass on Mar Vista from below State Park Drive and above Park Avenue where it will provide the most use from several directions of these heavily used locations.

Thank you for taking the time and consideration to make the valuable and necessary improvements today as this will benefit us and the many future generations who will use them.

***Very Respectfully,***

***Douglas M. Thomson Sr.***

***Retired Distinguished Naval Veteran***