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**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Bay Ave Options for the 9/25/2025 Meeting

Hello,

For those of us who live in Soquel Village, and most specifically on Soquel-Wharf Rd where we live, because of the "new" one-lane at the intersection at Nob Hill, the traffic on our street has become a nightmare at different times of the day due to the back-up because of the one lane in Capitola. There's even more traffic on our street now than there was before, which is saying something! We have even seen traffic backed up all the way to Soquel Drive because of the one-lane at Nob Hill as well. And I've seen it backed up on the freeway at Bay/Porter, which is already a mess. It's ridiculous.

It's also frustrating that drivers use the Nob Hill parking lot to race around the traffic. I have seen plenty of near misses for pedestrians, bike riders and other vehicles because drivers either don't know how to merge into the one lane or they are frustrated and are hurrying. This has to be one of the most unsafe "safety" decisions that I have seen.

It's pretty clear that some drivers ignore (or are on their phones or speeding) when the flashing lights are on at the crosswalk at Porter/Walnut in front of the elementary school, as an example. So doing an kind of pedestrian lights seems helpful but not foolproof. I did notice on Mission Blvd recently some new crosswalk *lights* - the lights actually turn red when someone is crossing, similar to traffic lights. It was interesting, as we'd never seen those before. Just some thoughts from someone who's been here a long time and watched drivers and traffic become worse and worse. I sure hope there can be an intelligent decision made this time...

Each time I head that direction from Soquel towards Capitola I say a little prayer that the blue "safety lane" has been removed, but each time I'm disappointed. I must say that perhaps those on the council may not live in this area and don't have the impact, and perhaps that's why it's taken so long to do anything about it?

Your consideration to this matter is greatly appreciated. I will be out of town at the date of this meeting, and I sincerely hope that each voice will be heard.

Thank you, Nancy Mulkey  
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P.S. Another safety problem is much easier to solve. For years the road signs guiding people to northbound Hwy 1 entrance is not clear at all. Yes there is a sign, but it's on the right-hand side of the street, and has no arrows. But there should be one with an ARROW, several yards sooner, telling the visitors to our area that they need to be in the left lane to get onto the freeway. There have been soooo many close calls in this area. Thanks.