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Dear Complete Streets Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input for your 2025 work plan.

Here are my recommendations:

- 1. There are a number of streets in which there are relatively unsafe walking conditions. Of course the expansion of sidewalks beyond the current sidewalks near schools would be a huge improvement. If that is simply not legally or financially possible, could you explore better physical barriers on busier streets (such as Fremont Ave or Portland Avenue) to demark the car lanes from bicycle and pedestrian lanes? This could be a raised painted curb or other physical barriers. This physical separation demarcation is common in some European countries to encourage walking and bicycling while keeping them safer, particularly from drivers who may swerve a little too close to the shoulder.
- 2. Consider providing traffic calming for streets prone to speeding cars. This can include roundabouts, speed bumps (low and wide) and bulb outs to narrow streets. I have seen some examples in Los Altos, but traffic calming is not as common compared to Palo Alto or some other communities.
- 3. Continue to prioritize and enhance safe routes to school safety features on roads frequented by students to encourage students to ride bikes and significantly reduce the car traffic of parents or others dropping off and picking up their children at school twice a day.
- 4. Encourage planting of canopy street trees to provide visual narrowing of streets and a huge benefit of shade and reduced temperatures, particularly important with global warming and more extreme hot temperatures.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to provide more specifics or otherwise help in this worthwhile endeavor as safe and attractive streets are very important for our overall quality of life.

Best regards,

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