

**From:** Kevin Arroyo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020 8:54 AM  
**To:** Council <[Council@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Council@losgatosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Highway 17 Ped & Bike Prelim Study Support

Hello Town Council,

I am a lifelong Los Gatos resident and want to express my support for a Highway 17 Bike and Ped Overcrossing preliminary study. This project will immensely increase bicycle safety within the local community. Over the years I've bicycled on the Blossom Hill Bridge to Vasona Park and faced multiple instances of vehicles passing too closely at unsafe distances. This project would help mitigate this hazard.

I fully support this proposal to help encourage residents to use alternative forms of transportation. We need more projects like this to better integrate the Los Gatos Creek Trail and help reduce our dependence on cars. My friends and family mentioned they would use the Creek Trail more often if there was a separate crossing.

Please vote yes to proceed with a preliminary study for this project. These are the type of local projects which makes me proud to see the town taking a leading role in creating a safer community for our future generations.

Thank you,  
Kevin Arroyo

**From:** [Kim Wheeler](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Bike bridge  
**Date:** Monday, November 23, 2020 11:42:41 AM  
Dear council,

I just wanted to send this note to let you know how very important the new bike bridge that is proposed on Blossom Hill Road is to this community. I have raised two sons and a family that has used that crossing so much over the years -to school , junior high, and high school, on the way to Boy Scouts and on weekend family bike rides.

It's an important thoroughfare from our side of Los Gatos- by Blossom Hill School, as it connects us to the trail and downtown businesses.

One thing that has crossed my mind so much is the danger of the cross and the narrow parts where my children and myself are right next to cars. It only takes one person to look away from the road to hit someone there. Also during school hours and weekends it can be hard to navigate the path with others. I have seen bikers swerve right into the road to avoid other riders.

A new bike bridge would be a huge step in making Los Gatos more bike friendly. By making this bike lane safer, I know my family and many others would be using it much more frequently. As a mother, I love to encourage biking, but knowing this stretch is not safe always

gave me pause.

Please think of the future of our town and let this bridge be built. It's for future generations as well as those living here now. Biking and less cars are what make a community thrive and stay healthy.

Thank you

Kim Wheeler

**From:** Max Wheeler

**To:** Council

**Subject:** Blossom Hill Bike bridge

**Date:** Sunday, November 22, 2020 7:02:16 PM

Hello council members,

I'm just writing to express my support for the proposed bike bridge on Blossom Hill. I'm a huge fan of making the city more bikeable / walkable and that bridge is a major impediment for getting people on the East side of town down to the Creek trail. When my kids were younger, that was always the most harrowing part of the journey back from the Creek trail or Vasona. We always rode on the sidewalk but when pedestrians were present, that wasn't possible. It's not even that easy for a child to get off their bike if they've already started riding down the sidewalk.

Thanks for listening

Max Wheeler

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Max Wheeler

**From:** Sheldon Gilbert

**To:** Council

**Subject:** Support of Blossom Hill Road Bike/Ped Bridge

**Date:** Sunday, November 22, 2020 5:06:10 PM

Past commissioner and chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian commission, I am a big supporter of the proposed

Bike/Ped bridge over the 17 at Blossom Hill Road. I wonder if it is possible to speak in support of this project at the

Dec. 1 Council meeting when this project is being discussed?

Thank You,

Sheldon Gilbert