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From: Matt Wendt <matthewwendt@msn.com>

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:01 PM

To: Larry Carr <Larry.Carr@morganhill.ca.gov>; Yvonne Martinez Beltran <yvonne.martinezbeltran@morganhill.ca.gov>; Rene Spring <Rene.Spring@morganhill.ca.gov>; Rich Constantine <Rich.Constantine@morganhill.ca.gov>; John McKay <john.mckay@morganhill.ca.gov>; Chris Ghione <Chris.Ghione@morganhill.ca.gov>; Christina Turner <Christina.Turner@morganhill.ca.gov>; Maureen Tobin <Maureen.Tobin@morganhill.ca.gov>; Leslie Little <Leslie.Little@morganhill.ca.gov>; Edith Ramirez <Edith.Ramirez@morganhill.ca.gov>

Subject: 1 Lane Each Way Through Downtown Town Hall

Mayor, Council-members, City Manager, Leslie, Edith, Maureen and Chris:

Sorry for the bombardment of emails lately. There has been a lot happening and I'm usually not going to make a public comment unless I feel strongly about something. I unfortunately missed the town hall last night but had wanted to voice my support for the switch to 1 lane each way through downtown. We should support our downtown businesses and make it a good and safe experience for customers, especially while businesses are hurting due to the pandemic and while traffic is light. Our downtown is something special with the parks and restaurants, so it shouldn't be a small freeway as well.

It is a good time to reintroduce this. I liked it the first time around and did not personally notice an impact on my commute on streets to SW Morgan Hill from San Jose (Dougherty, Monterey or Santa Theresa).

Also, I look forward to the completion of the Santa Teresa extension in the near future. I hope the City can lobby CalTrans hard for an expansion of the 101 freeway as soon as possible (and to install and maintain landscaping with available grants, Valley Water, the County, and developers along the entire freeway to help the environment and block out the blighted areas with drought tolerant, low maintenance trees and bushes per my and Swanee's emails before the pandemic). We also should work towards an electrification of the rails.

Thanks for your service. Morgan Hill Together!

Regards,

Matt and Marilyn Wendt

From: John Howard <mufflera1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Michelle Bigelow <Michelle.Bigelow@morganhill.ca.gov>
Subject: Downtown traffic.

Please do not try the single lane thru downtown. It was tried once and failed! If the city does this it just shows how out of touch they are.

From: [Chris S. & Tammy C.](#)
To: [Maureen Tobin](#)
Subject: Re: Monterey Road Complete Street Improvements/Lane Reduction Review
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:37:30 PM

I can't believe you are attempting this again, how many thousands did you waste last time? Let it be!!!! This is so silly!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Do we need to get signatures again???

Monterey Road is fine!

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From: City of Morgan Hill <maureen.tobin@morganhill.ca.gov>

To: tlcs2@verizon.net

Sent: Wed, May 20, 2020 4:47 pm

Subject: Monterey Road Complete Street Improvements/Lane Reduction Review

May 20, 2020



Monterey Road Complete Street Improvements/Lane Reduction Review

Due to the COVID-19 crisis and requests from local business owners, the Morgan Hill City Council will be reviewing the potential of converting Monterey Road through the Downtown to an alternative configuration. This includes the potential of reducing the lanes running through the Downtown. The Council will be reviewing options for reconfiguration of Monterey Road at the June 3rd City Council Meeting. It is anticipated that the Council will receive the background information and alternative options from City staff at the meeting and may choose to provide direction.

In preparation for the City Council meeting, discussion on this topic will be the focus of the City's May 28th Town Hall Meeting.

The City completed the Monterey Road Complete Street Pilot Project in 2015. This project reduced one travel lane in each direction to determine if the configuration would slow traffic, improve safety, and increase mobility, vibrancy and economic vitality in the Downtown Area. Ultimately, the City Council elected not to keep this configuration.

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Virtual Town Hall
May 28, 2020
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The focus for this Virtual Town Hall will be Monterey Road Complete Street Improvements/Lane Reduction.

To join the virtual meeting:

<https://bit.ly/Communitytownhall> or call: (669) 900-9128 and enter Webinar ID: 841 849 915

City Council Meeting
June 3, 2020
7:00 p.m.

It is anticipated that the Council will receive the background information and alternative options from City staff at the meeting and may choose to provide direction.

To join the virtual meeting:

<https://bit.ly/060320CityCouncilMeeting> or call: (669) 900-9128 and enter Webinar ID: 838 6356 6504

The agenda, including the staff report for the Monterey Road Complete Street Improvements/Lane Reduction Review will be available at the following link once posted on Friday, May 29th. <http://morganhillca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

We encourage all residents to participate in the above meetings and/or to reach out to us directly.

Contacts for this project are:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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From: [Chris Ghione](#)
To: [Gloria Specchiali](#)
Cc: [Maureen Tobin](#)
Subject: RE: Monterey road
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:30:50 PM

Hi Gloria,

The City Council asked for a review of the option. No decision has been made. We do appreciate the comment and your thoughts. We hope you will join the conversation at the Town Hall next Thursday, May 28 @ 5:30 pm and the City Council meeting on June 3 @ 7 pm.

Thank you,
Chris

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From: Gloria Specchiali <glorspec@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Chris Ghione <Chris.Ghione@morganhill.ca.gov>
Subject: Monterey road

I can't believe that you are thinking of doing the same stupid thing you have done before how many times. Covid has nothing to do with the road.

Sent from my iPad

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From: [Gloria Specchiali](#)
To: [Maureen Tobin](#)
Subject: Monterey road
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:59:33 PM

Please tell me that they aren't that stupid to do it again and again!!!!!!!
Sent from my iPad

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From: [D.H](#)
To: [Chris Ghione](#); [Maureen Tobin](#)
Subject: Monterey Rd thru downtown
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:34:25 PM

Hello,

I have just read the email regarding the possibility of once again reducing the number of traffic lanes through our downtown. I recall the "trial run" of this plan that took place not long ago and I must say that it is my very fervent hope that this will NOT become a permanent feature of our downtown area. I did not like it then - didn't appreciate the amount of increased traffic it created elsewhere in town and the hassle it created to be in or get through downtown - and I can't imagine it would be any better now, especially with the increase in our population as well as an increase in the number of people who drive through our town for various reasons.

Just my two-cents, for what it's worth.

Mrs. Daryn Honda
-Resident of MH since 1994

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From: [Susan Koepp-Baker](#)
To: [Maureen Tobin](#)
Subject: Monterey/Downtown
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:32:08 AM

I was a part of many discussions regarding angle parking, bike lanes, alternative dining, etc. when we sought answers to the Downtown Plan. Some things worked when we tried them, and some definitely did not. But with that experience in mind, I'd like to offer a thought for consideration.

In the 90's William Bacon was a very foresighted planning director who revamped Philadelphia's downtown and water front with the aim of rehabbing old structures to create more living/working spaces, etc. with rejuvenation, jobs and increased sales tax revenues as a desired end game. He started a traffic bypass program on Chestnut Street, one of the oldest, most revered areas of the City. Took a while to get the kinks out, but the City eventually adopted a plan that diverted traffic on Chestnut on Friday, Sat, and Sunday. Pedestrian traffic only allowed the stores to do expanded sidewalk sales and restaurants to greatly expand their table space. The tables, etc. had to be moved into and out of the street, and trucks were allowed to do deliveries early in the morning. The rest of the week, it was traffic as usual.

Haven't been back in a bit so I don't know if it is still in place, but I'll PM Kathy Sullivan who moved back home to see. And, a note, William Bacon was Michael and Kevin Bacon's dad. Sue Koepp-Baker

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From: [Gregg Fisher](#)
To: [Chris Ghione](#); [Maureen Tobin](#)
Subject: Monterey Rd Lane Reduction due to COVID-19
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 5:01:03 PM

Hi Chris / Maureen,

There has been talk about reconfiguring Monterey Rd downtown to accommodate “al fresco” dining to help out the local restaurants. I think that this is a great idea on a temporary basis and maybe it should be tried on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. I feel that it should be a complete closure as having one lane of traffic zooming past when sitting at a table would not be ideal. I feel that this is doable now that the traffic has lightened up and there isn’t the volume of cut-through traffic as we’re used to when the freeway backs up. However, I do not feel that a permanent configuration with only one lane in each direction would be a good idea as it will cause a traffic nightmare once the regular volume of traffic returns.

I probably won’t be able to make the June 3 council meeting, so I thought that I would provide my input here.

Thank you.
Gregg Fisher

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