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Public Comment for 7/22 ATAC Meeting

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I'm extremely concerned about the narrow, unprotected street level bike lanes planned for the Tulare grade separation. To describe the design as "less than ideal" is a gross understatement. The bike lanes are too narrow to be safe. The lane width doesn't allow drivers to pass cyclists at a safe distance, especially when cyclists need to navigate around debris. There could be head-on collisions of cars if drivers pass cyclists at a safe distance. The money saved by building narrow, substandard bike infrastructure will end up being spent on the collisions, injuries, and deaths that occur when vehicles and bikes are in close proximity and walled in. Pedestrian level bike lanes are a much safer, cost effective design. One side for pedestrians. One side for bikes.

Squeezing in paint only bike lanes to say bike infrastructure was included is not how to create a safe bicycle network!

Sincerely,

Amy Zehring



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Hi, I'm a Fresno resident, small business owner and someone who believes in cycling for transportation, not just exercise.

I make my almost 8-mile commute a few times a week by bicycle (often depending on how hot it is and the air quality) and have for many years now. I do it for my physical and mental health, but also trying to be a good steward for our environment, especially in an area like Fresno County where we have to contend with bad air on an almost daily basis.

My route goes from about the Tower District up to the River Park area. I use the bike lanes and I take the lane when necessary (such as making left turns).

This County needs to continue ongoing efforts and new efforts to make active transportation safer for everyone - and this includes car drivers.

Just as pedestrians need safe well-maintained sidewalks, cyclists require safe well-maintained sidewalks. White paint is not safe infrastructure. Gutters are not safe infrastructure. Cycling on the sidewalk is not safe.

The attached photo shows a road with "safe bike lanes" that will absolutely result in a severe injury or death. If I were to commute along this road I would take the lane. I would have to for my own safety -- too many car drivers would speed through here, with no regard for a cyclist. To be safe, I would have to ensure they don't have enough room to zip by me. The law in California says cyclist should be as far to the right as PRACTICAL, not possible. When a bike lane is also the gutter, I must take the lane to be safe.

We've seen an explosion of people on various vehicles other than cars and trucks, probably as a result of having viable less-expensive transportation options and the price of fuel. It's our duty to help keep our neighbors safe.

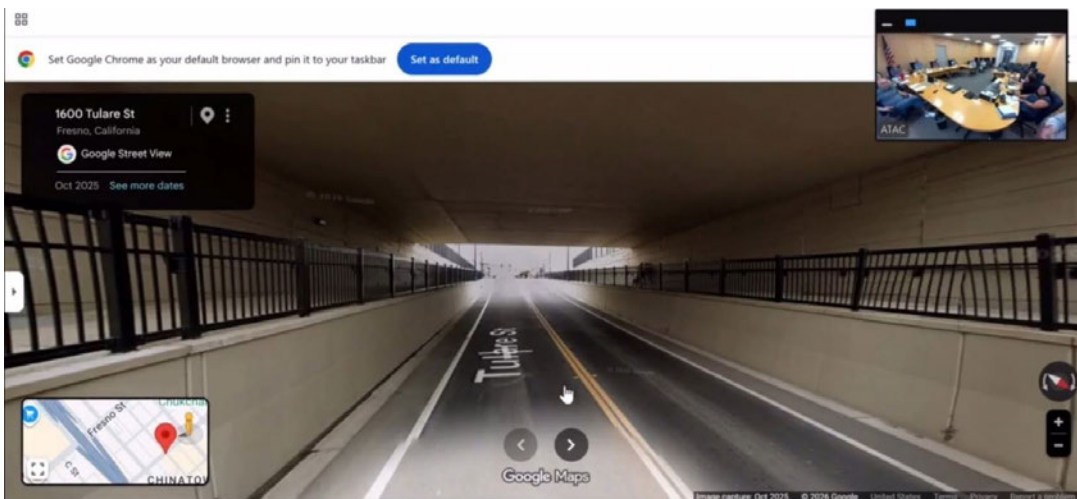
Every day I bike I know that I'm putting my health and life at risk. I know that if I'm involved in an accident with a car or truck that I will be the one left hurt or killed. I know that only in rare cases are motorists held responsible. I also know that while most incidents involve an accident or inattentiveness, several incidents each day throughout the US involve a driver with road rage and an innocent cyclist.

I also acknowledge that there are cyclists who don't follow the law or rules of the road, just as there are motorists who do not follow the law. This is not a good enough reason to ignore the need for better traffic infrastructure.

Please, please keep active transportation in mind and help those of us who use the roadways

by walking, biking, or scootering. Cycling helps everyone -- even motorists by reducing the number of cars on the road -- and everyone deserves a safe mode of transportation.

Jennifer "Jax" Ward



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