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Adopt Amended and Restated Environmental Assessment No. P20-01778, dated December 10, 2020, a determination that the proposed project for the Mid-Town Trail qualifies for the streamlined analysis set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15183 (Projects Consistent w/ a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning) (Council District 4 & 7)

Contents of Supplement: Community emails.

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Item #1-L – Environmental Assessment on the Midtown Trail

COMMENTS by Gene Richards, BPAC, District 3, lives in Roeding Heights, by Glen Agnes, near Fruit and Olive

The proposed project is a very good one and will benefit the City greatly, not just as a new trail but also as an example of the good use of Measure C funds AND an example to the rest of the City. BUT, I am very concerned about the design process – there has been no request for input by the DPW from BPAC, nor any public meetings to discuss the preliminary designs. This is wrong – those of us who will actually use the trail deserve the ability to help shape it – we ride all the time, we know best what works.

The DPW will claim they are using published design standards, but this is not true – every retrofit project, those in older parts of town, require many adjustments and adaptations to work. Also, DPW will say they have vetted the project through BPAC, but this is also not true – the only remarks to BPAC have been how far along the designs have been. DPW is NOT interested in feedback. When I requested copies of the current designs, I was put off and told to agendize through BPAC, but this does not make sense – BPAC meetings are not an appropriate place to discuss design elements of cycling projects, and DPW knows this. In any case, I have a right to see and make comments on any cycling related project in the City.

The Council should move forward with the project BUT require DPW to consult and collaborate with BPAC on the designs BEFORE they are completed, AND hold public meetings to discuss same.

Thank you. Any questions, I am available. I can list my specific design concerns, which I have made to DPW previously.