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Public comment on Item 25. 15-0185

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Lindell Price <lindellprice@gmail.com>
To: Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Feb 9, 2015 at 4:58 PM

*Clerk of the Board,**My public comment on Item 25. 15-0185:*

Please call for public hearings on the speed increases proposed in the Item 25. 15-0185. Consideration for our local communities is needed county wide.

Alternatives exist. Caltrans' website states, "Caltrans is committed to working with local communities toward a more collaborative, multimodal and productive State-local approach to shared assets." Caltrans has published, *Main Street, California: A Guide for Improving Community and Transportation Vitality* that includes traffic calming road designs. (See <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/mainstreet/>.) Other factors in addition to the 85% of a speed survey can be used to adjust a speed limit. Please ask staff to provide full information on factors that can be used to adjust speed limits, as well as enforcement alternatives.

Also note that Caltrans District 4 has both pedestrian and bicycle advisory committees. Will Caltrans District 3 provide El Dorado County with a similar level of local engagement?

For example, the proposed speed increase in Cool impacts a road crossing of the Northside School Class I Bike Path that was built using Safe Routes to Schools funds, and impacts the path's road crossing.

Please call for public hearings on the speed increases proposed in the Item 25. 15-0185, so that local needs are better addressed.

*Regards,**Lindell Price*



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Fw: BOS Agenda File #15-0185 Please request a public workshop

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Mon, Feb 9, 2015 at 5:00 PM

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On Monday, February 9, 2015 4:54 PM, Linnea Marengo <ldmarengo@yahoo.com> wrote:

To: Supervisor Michael Ranalli, District IV

From: Linnea Marengo, Resident, Cool

February 9, 2015

I just learned today of File #15-0185 on the Board of Supervisors agenda tomorrow. I would like to request that the Board not approve the changes to the speed limit on Highway 49 from downtown Cool to Northside School. Instead, I would like to request the County hold a public hearing on the matter. The community should have a chance to provide input.

Recently, a new bike path was recently completed on Highway 49 from Cool to Northside School. Photos taken today are attached. This is a path which is intended to let school children ride their bikes to school. The speed limit is marked at 55 miles per hour as you can see from photos taken today. As you can see from the photos, this does not appear to be a safe situation at that speed. Every day I see someone using the new bicycle path in Cool so it is already actively in use. I have seen children walking and biking, elderly folks walking, dog walkers, and horse backriders on the path.

Additionally, I was nearly in a fatal car accident about 6 months ago because a young driver was traveling on Highway 49 at least 55 miles per hour or more through the blinking red light in Cool (intersection of Highway 9 and 193 from Placerville towards Auburn). The young driver never stopped at the stop light and smiled when she finally recognized she had just gone through a stop sign at the light. If the driver of my car had not been alert and slammed the breaks on in our car as we were making a legal left hand turn, there would have been a severe accident with potential fatalities. Local merchants in Cool says this happens frequently where someone runs the red light. The speed limit as one approaches the school and downtown Cool must be safe.

Additionally, with the new bike path and improved cross-walk due to the new bike path, more people are now walking across Highway 49 at the blinking red light. A photo is attached.

Thank you for your consideration and attention. A public hearing is warranted.

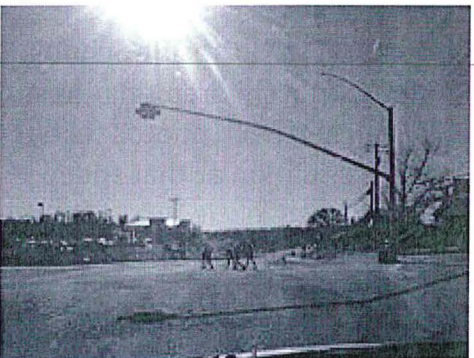
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