

Subject: RE: Alpine Recreation Study: Parking Lot

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Dear Stacey Gutierrez:

In addition to your concerns we must also keep in mind that Mountain Biking in forested areas wrecks environmental havoc. This is especially so as a result of the heavy rainfall on the North Shore Mountains. In Europe Mountain Biking in forested areas is prohibited altogether.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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Dear Mayor Harris and Councillors,

The Alpine Recreational Strategic Study proposes a parking lot at the top of Mountain Highway. Upper Mountain Highway is a steep, narrow street shared by motor vehicles, bikers, pedestrians and pets.

Before we fought for and gained resident restricted parking, we experienced excessive traffic, speeding, and safety concerns, and that was a primary motivation for our advocacy of resident parking only.

A parking lot would re-introduce a large volume of traffic to this street, exacerbating an existing safety issue.

With the current drop-off area, we frequently have people dropping off bikers and then speeding down our street.

We have signed a petition for traffic calming on our street because of the current situation, and we strongly advocate speed humps to control speeding. The additional traffic generated by a parking lot would be intolerable.

If a parking lot were built on Mountain Highway, we would not only have an increased volume of traffic, but also more speeding down as people encountered a full parking lot.

The proposed sidewalk does not really address this safety issue, and it comes at an unjustifiable cost.

Our street is not able to accommodate a volume of speeding cars, and those of us who chose to live on a quiet street do not deserve to have our tranquility invaded yet again.

Please consider the tax-paying residents and our quality of life as you review the proposals for our area.

Sincerely,

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