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To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: Cal Trans Grant Decision

Hello Council Members,

I am writing to thank you for your support of the Cal Trans Grant recommendation that you recently approved. I attended most of the meetings and am supportive of the final recommendation and design. I realize that no new plan can ever receive support from every member of the community, but I truly believe that the final plan that you approved meets most of the goals that the community laid out early in the process. I am especially pleased that the final recommendation will:

- Improve the pedestrian experience of Main Street by widening the sidewalks and providing more space for sidewalk cafes and sales.
- Make downtown more vibrant and businesses more successful by putting the emphasis on people instead of cars.
- Encourage investment downtown.
- Slow down vehicles with two-way streets and ending the South Main drag race making downtown safer for motorists and pedestrians.
- Improve traffic flow and reduce miles driven by providing more vehicular options.
- Preserves parking on Main Street.
- Breaks the stranglehold that the highways have had on our downtown and prioritizes pedestrians and local businesses over thru traffic.

Although there is still a lot of work to be done, I look forward to seeing this plan become reality in the coming years.

Thank you again for making a such a valuable contribution to the future of our wonderful town. It takes people with vision to make positive change, and you provided that vision.

Best Regards,

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