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Subject: FW: Apple Blossom Trail Proposal
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Mary Gourley
City Manager

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From: Kathleen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 5:39 AM
To: Mary Gourley <mgourley@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Cc: Susanne Wilson [REDACTED]; Lauralee Aho [REDACTED]
Subject: Apple Blossom Trail Proposal

Dear Ms. Gourley,

I am a resident at Burbank Heights and have lived here for six years. Because I walk the property at least twice a day, I am very familiar with the challenges of the road through this property.

Our road is in constant use by our 200 residents, visitors to the Luther Burbank Experimental Farm, fire engines and ambulances frequently attending our aging population, many delivery trucks, city buses, mail trucks, refuse haulers and construction crews.

Having a bicycle path using that road would be entirely unsafe, not only for our residents and staff, but for all the Farm volunteers and visitors, all the vehicle drivers, and the cyclists themselves.

Additionally, in the afternoon, the sun is directly in the eyes of drivers coming up the hill toward the Farm entrance. This blinds drivers on a completely blind curve that is already dangerous. The road is already a huge challenge, and having a cycling path use it is far too dangerous for all concerned.

I am quite honestly shocked that the city is even considering this proposal, and I implore you, and the City Council, to let common sense prevail here.

This Apple Blossom Trail proposal would endanger far too many lives.

Respectfully,
Kathleen Harris

Sent from my iPhone