



AGENDA NO: I

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2023

**AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE  
RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
FOR PUBLIC REVIEW PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

## Janeen Burlingame

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**From:** Sandra Pendell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** Public Works Advisory Board  
**Cc:** Zara Landrum  
**Subject:** Public comments for tonight's PWAB meeting public comment  
**Attachments:** Letter to PWAB 12.6.23 - Pendell.pdf

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I regret that I cannot attend tonight's meeting. Please accept the attached letter in lieu of my attendance and include it as public comment regarding traffic issues in the City of Morro Bay. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sandra Pendell  
[REDACTED]

To: Public Works Advisory Board

December 6, 2023

I regret that I am unable to attend the Public Works Advisory Board meeting this evening. Unfortunately I did not hear of the meeting or the prior meetings until yesterday late afternoon. Last night I signed up for several listservs of which I also learned about late yesterday afternoon. I would strongly suggest information be better publicized so that citizens are aware of current activities of the City's departments and are notified of upcoming events and meetings.

I am writing to ask that action be taken to calm traffic on Main Street between Piney Way and Olive Street. It is a residential area with the well loved and very well used Bayshore Bluffs park, Local residents walk their dogs, their children and each other to the park from the residential areas throughout the day. Please note that the El Morro Court Trailer Park, a senior housing community, is located on the corner of Bayshore and Main which lies directly between two blind curves. The seniors living in the trailer park should be able to cross the street safely.

Speeding traffic is an issue on this stretch of Main Street, especially on weekends. There are no crosswalks for pedestrians who must be able to walk quickly if they are to avoid oncoming speeding vehicles. It can be very dangerous to cross the street, especially when one is accompanying children, walking their dog, or pushing a baby stroller. It is particularly dangerous for pedestrians who have limited physical ability. Please note that because of the blind curves, pedestrians must have good hearing to determine whether or not unseen traffic is approaching. I have seen and have experienced "close calls" just about every day since moving to this neighborhood nearly 11 years ago.

The immediate solution to this situation need not be expensive or difficult. Placing orange caution signs that state the speed limit and reminding drivers to watch for pedestrians would be helpful. Simply painting orange stripes on the road would signal drivers to slow down. Ultimately I would like to see sign that lights up at a designated crosswalk when a pedestrian pushes a button to indicate they would like to cross.

Let's not allow a tragedy to occur on this beautiful stretch of road! Let's keep our families, dogs, bicyclists and senior citizens safe.

Thank you for taking action on this immediate and present danger.

Sandra Pendell

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## Janeen Burlingame

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**From:** Kyle Finger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 1:15 PM  
**To:** Local Roadway Safety Plan  
**Subject:** Local Road Safety Plan

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To whom it may concern,

I'm unable to attend tonight's meeting, but wanted to provide my feedback for the plan.

Add a crosswalk on Quintana near the urgent care.

Near freeway offramps, add signage and botts dots/speed humps to slow traffic transitioning onto city streets.

Add sidewalk along Main street and Highway 41, near the mobile home parks.

Have continuous sidewalk along North Main Street area.

Extend sidewalk up Radcliff Ave to Prescott Dr.

San Jacinto: Extend sidewalk to Sandalwood and add sidewalk along Sandalwood where ice plant is now. Extend sidewalk on the East side toward Greenwood Ave. Add sidewalk to connect to Del Mar Market. Convert dirt lot in front of Foghorn Brew House to pocket park. Improve crossings.

Widen paths through Del Mar Park so cyclists can use them instead of Main Street.

Yerba Buena: Narrow the intersection onto Highway 1. Extend sidewalk to Tide Ave. Extend sidewalk to reach the beach.

Add RTA bus stops at San Jacinto and Yerba Buena.

At curves: Slow traffic, install more signage.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Finger

## Janeen Burlingame

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**From:** Derek Dahlgren [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 9:09 PM  
**To:** Public Works Advisory Board  
**Subject:** Comprehensive Safety Enhancements Proposal for Morro Bay Roadways

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Dear Members of the Public Works Advisory Board,

I hope this message finds you in good health. I am reaching out to shed light on crucial safety concerns within the proposed Local Roadway Safety Plan for the City of Morro Bay, with a specific focus on the existing roundabout and traffic congestion along Harbor Street.

While reviewing the proposed safety enhancements, it has become apparent that there is a need for a more comprehensive approach to address the challenges posed by the existing roundabout. This pivotal intersection links major collector roads, including Morro Bay Boulevard, the main corridor to the Embarcadero, Quintana Road, and the intersection at Main Street and Quintana Road. Optimizing this arterial gateway is paramount to the success of the overall proposed improvements.

Personal experiences of daily commuting and walking through the existing roundabout have revealed multiple safety concerns. The current operational model, relying on the yielding principle without specific right-of-way assignments, leads to confusion among drivers unfamiliar with roundabout etiquette. Moreover, the roundabout introduces added complexity for pedestrians, navigating multiple lanes with reduced visibility, creating challenges for both pedestrians and drivers to interact safely. Despite the intended design to regulate speeds, drivers frequently disregard recommended speeds, especially given the increased tourism traffic, escalating the risk of accidents involving pedestrians. It is imperative to address these observed issues through safety upgrades to the roundabout infrastructure, fostering a safer and more efficient transportation network in the proposed project areas.

Additionally, in the presentation page titled "Morro Bay Blvd. Potential Improvements (Continued)," there is a proposal to tackle the mounting traffic congestion entering northbound Harbor Street from Morro Bay Blvd. in Morro Bay. The suggested solution involves a revamped intersection layout, specifically considering the elimination of the free right turn from Morro Bay onto Harbor Street, rather than opting for a "Reduce Radius" modification.

The congestion on the narrow street has intensified due to increased usage, compounded by various factors such as the popularity of the transit hub, frequent meetings at the IOOF building, expanded services at Jim's Automotive, and altered traffic patterns post the completion of the Quintana Rd conveyance project, especially with people using the Piney Way entrance for grocery

store-bound traffic. The increasing congestion could pose significant challenges in the future for Fire Station emergency responses, resource allocation, and maintenance operations.

I kindly urge the Public Works Advisory Board to consider including the roundabout safety enhancement proposal and addressing traffic congestion by eliminating the free right turn along northbound Harbor Street, rather than opting for a "Reduce Radius" modification, in the final Local Roadway Safety Plan for the City of Morro Bay. Your attention to these matters is crucial to ensuring the safety and efficiency of our local transportation network.

Thank you for dedicating your time and consideration to these important issues.

Best Regards,

Derek E. Dahlgren

## Janeen Burlingame

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**From:** Dana Swanson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:55 PM  
**To:** Council; Public Works Advisory Board  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Council on Traffic Study  
**Attachments:** City Council from EML 12-5-2023 Traffic Study.docx

Good evening Mayor, Council Members and PWAB members,

Attached is a correspondence from the Embarcadero Master Leaseholder group regarding tomorrow's PWAB Special Meeting.

Sincerely,  
Dana Swanson  
City Clerk  
City of Morro Bay  
Phone (805) 772-6205  
[dswanson@morrobayca.gov](mailto:dswanson@morrobayca.gov)

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**From:** Bob Fowler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 05, 2023 4:29 PM  
**To:** Dana Swanson <dswanson@morrobayca.gov>  
**Cc:** sales@giovanisfishmarket.com; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Letter to Council on Traffic Study

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Dana,

Would you kindly include this letter in the Council's packet for the special hearing tomorrow?

Thanks,

Bob Fowler

# Embarcadero Master Leaseholders, LLC

December 5, 2023

City Council  
City of Morro Bay  
945 Harbor Drive  
Morro Bay, CA. 93442

Re: Traffic Report From Kimley Horn

Madam Mayor and Members of the City Council,

The Embarcadero Master Leaseholders would like to ask the Council to request that Kimley Horn add to their report recommendations regarding the congestion on Embarcadero north of Beach Street.

Our Association has expressed their concerns with the level of congestion experienced on this segment of roadway on weekends and especially during special events. Often it can take as long as 45 minutes to an hour to drive from the rock to Beach Street. It would be a shame to have an emergency out there where responders are hampered from access or in transporting a victim.

A relatively simple and economic solution is available with the pedestrian bridge across Morro Creek connecting to Atascadero Road. It has been built to accommodate emergency vehicles so it seems a slam dunk solution to open it up , at least in times of heavy congestion.

Sincerely,

Embarcadero Master Leaseholders, LLC  
Morro Bay, CA.