

Expanded Community Advisory Panel (XCAP)

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A compilation of emails (public comments, etc) submitted to the XCAP email box, XCAP@CityofPaloAlto.org, between **December 16, 2020 and January 6, 2021 at 12:00 pm approximately.**



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From: [Wilson, Sarah](#)
To: [Expanded Community Advisory Panel](#)
Subject: FW: Churchill notes
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020 12:41:18 PM

Forwarding per Chair Naik.

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From: Dave Shen <dshenster@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 6:15 PM
To: Cari Templeton <cari@caritempleton.com>
Cc: David Shen <dshenster@gmail.com>; Nadia Naik <nadianaik@gmail.com>; Wilson, Sarah <Sarah.Wilson@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: Re: Churchill notes

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Thanks!!

On Wed, Dec 16, 2020 at 5:45 PM Cari Templeton <cari@caritempleton.com> wrote:

Hi Dave,

Here are the comments I mentioned during XCAP about the Churchill chapter:

p 5-6 Mitigations were expected to ALSO include the improvements to Embarcadero/High intersection from the Bike/Ped plan as well as signals for vehicles.

p 21 Traffic moved elsewhere can be mitigated - we should speak to bike/ped, not just vehicular traffic

p 25 Public Opinion section states "Community opinions originated strongly from:" --> should that be "Strongest community opinions originated mostly from:"

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Cari

From: [Peggy Kraft](#)
To: [Expanded Community Advisory Panel](#)
Subject: Grade Separation/ Charleston Rd
Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 4:43:46 PM

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Dear XCAP committee members,

I am writing to state that my husband and I are OPPOSED to the underpass design for grade separation at Charleston Road. We oppose this design for the following reasons:

- Creates a HUGE TWO LANE ROUNDABOUT on a quiet two lane residential street.
- Uses eminent domain to take MANY private properties from Palo Alto residents for the construction of the 2 lane roundabout complex as well as seizing further property for the pedestrian/bicycle underpass lanes.
- Destroys the Charleston/Arastradero calming corridor project that was implemented to decrease the amount and speed of traffic on this corridor. It's purpose was to make this a safe walkable/bikeable community street because it has multiple schools, churches, parks and residential homes.
- This design forces MUCH MORE traffic onto East Charleston because all north bound Alma traffic that normally turned left onto West Charleston will now need to turn right onto East Charleston and drive down to the roundabout to turn back east.
- This design is not necessary as there are other grade separation alternatives that will not destroy this street/corridor that has multiple schools, churches, parks and homes.
- Palo Alto residents worked for over 10 years to get the Charleston/Arastradero calming project implemented on East Charleston and this design would not only reverse all of the calming but would actually make it worse than before the project was implemented.

Please DO NOT recommend the underpass grade separation design at Charleston Rd.

Thank you,
Peggy Kraft
William Filler

From: [carlin otto](#)
To: [Expanded Community Advisory Panel](#)
Subject: No above-ground RAILS
Date: Monday, December 28, 2020 5:19:34 PM

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Dear XCAP:

Now that we can all actually see how ugly and invasive and divisive the rail corridor looks with the newly installed high electrical wire supports, we can envision better how incredibly UGLY and DIVISIVE and INVASIVE a more massive rail structure would be.

Those of us living within sight of these new electrical support structures are horrified !!! If we were against above-ground-level rails before, now we are even MORE against them.
If we were on the fence before, now we are AGAINST viaducts and berms.

PLEASE, NO ABOVE GROUND RAILS !!
No hybrid, no berm, no viaduct.

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