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From: Sara McDowell <SMcDowell@cityofsancarlos.org>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2025 6:58 AM
To: Erick Gutierrez-Prado; John Dugan
Cc: *City Council; Board (@smcta.com); Peter Skinner; Nil Blackburn
Subject: Re: Bicycle tragedy

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Good morning Erick,

Thank you for your email. Each December the City Council rotates the mayorship, and I am the new mayor of San Carlos.

I am pleased to let you know that our staff has planned a Community Listening Session on Wednesday, January 8th. I hope you can attend and share your thoughts for next steps on near-term solutions. I am copying the details below. Please also take a moment to sign up via the City's e-news site for "U.S. 101/Holly Street Safety Updates."

Dear Community Members,

To address pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns at the U.S. 101/Holly Street overcrossing, the City of San Carlos will host a **listening session** on **Wednesday, January 8, from 6 to 8 p.m.** in the Community Room on the 2nd Floor of the **San Carlos Library at 610 Elm Street.**

Purpose of the Session:

The goal of this session is to gather ideas, suggestions, and input from community members on possible near-term solutions that would enable cyclists and pedestrians to cross the overcrossing safely. We encourage all community members to share their perspectives with City staff at this meeting.

How to Participate:

If you plan to share your thoughts at the meeting and would like to **contribute pictures or examples prior to the meeting**, please upload your materials to this [Google Drive folder](#), or email them to **Quinne Woolley** at qwoolley@cityofsancarlos.org, **no later than Friday, January 3 at 5 p.m.** If you plan to present something, please limit your presentation **to 5 minutes**. Please note, however, you are not required to present something in order to share your thoughts at the meeting.

RSVP:

Dinner will be served. Please RSVP by sending an email to citymanager@cityofsancarlos.org by Friday, January 3 at 5 p.m.

Stay Informed:

This will be the **last email sent directly to you** about this topic. Moving forward, updates will be shared

through the City's [E-News platform](#). To stay informed, please visit cityofsancarlos.org/e-news and subscribe to the mailing list titled **U.S. 101/Holly Street Safety Updates**.

Thank you for your engagement and commitment to improving safety in our community.

City of San Carlos Staff

Thank you again for following up. Please feel free to reach out anytime with questions or concerns.

Kind regards,
Sara

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From: Erick Gutierrez-Prado <11197egp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2025 6:36 PM
To: John Dugan <JDugan@cityofsancarlos.org>
Cc: *City Council <citycouncil@cityofsancarlos.org>; board@smcta.com <board@smcta.com>; skinnerp@samtrans.com <skinnerp@samtrans.com>
Subject: Re: Bicycle tragedy

Dear Mayor,

Hello, thank you for getting back to me. What are some of the developments from that meeting about quick fixes for the interim until we procure funding for a permanent fix? Any news about when that decision will be made?

Erick

On Sun, Dec 8, 2024 at 14:53 John Dugan <JDugan@cityofsancarlos.org> wrote:
Hi Erick,

Yes, a tragedy indeed. We take bicycle safety seriously in San Carlos, and we have been working on an update to our Holly Street exchange for some time, to include a new bicycle and pedestrian overpass over US 101.

This project has always been a high priority for San Carlos, but unfortunately we can't fully fund it independently, so the timeline is still undetermined. Our staff is working with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), and the California Department of Transportation to get this project back on track.

At our last meeting we agreed to take a look at near-term temporary configurations that can help. I look forward to that discussion after our staff has had a chance to analyze.

We have also been working diligently to implement our Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – see more at <https://bit.ly/3BhoZu4>.

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns.

best,
John

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From: Erick Gutierrez-Prado <11197egp@gmail.com>

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 8:23 PM

To: *City Council <citycouncil@cityofsancarlos.org>, board@smcta.com <board@smcta.com>, skinnerp@samtrans.com <skinnerp@samtrans.com>

Subject: Bicycle tragedy

Dear San Carlos City Council,

My name is Erick Gutierrez, and I commute by bicycle every day, covering a minimum of 8 miles round trip. I was deeply saddened and alarmed to hear about the tragic death of a bicyclist today. This incident highlights an urgent need for action to ensure the safety of vulnerable road users.

The current design of the bridge where this tragedy occurred poses a significant public hazard. Much like a fallen tree blocking the road would be immediately addressed, it is imperative that we prioritize the safety of cyclists and pedestrians who share our roadways with vehicles.

I urge the council to implement immediate safety measures, such as quick-fix solutions. These are temporary, cost-effective methods to modify road layouts and provide proper separation between vulnerable road users and motor vehicle traffic. While a permanent redesign of the bridge may take time, these interim solutions can help prevent further tragedies.

The safety of all road users must be a top priority. I hope to see swift action to address this pressing issue.

Sincerely,
Erick Gutierrez

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Subject: Caltrain - Year In Review

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