



TA Board of Directors  
Meeting of January 8, 2026

Correspondence as of January 8, 2026

# Subject

1. Public comment regarding Agenda item 14a (conditional funding for 101 Holly Street overpass safety improvement) for January 8 meeting – *Andrew Hsu*
2. Re: Public comment regarding Agenda item 14a (conditional funding for 101 Holly Street overpass safety improvement) for January 8 meeting – *Sonia Elkes*
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**From:** [Andrew Hsu](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@smcta.com\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Arley Lewis](#); [Sonia Elkes](#); [Tim Ryan](#); [Mike Swire](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment regarding Agenda item 14a (conditional funding for 101 Holly Street overpass safety improvement) for January 8 meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, January 8, 2026 10:38:41 AM

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Esteemed members of the SCMTA,

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**Subject:** Re: Public comment regarding Agenda item 14a (conditional funding for 101 Holly Street overpass safety improvement) for January 8 meeting  
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As a long time resident of San Carlos (22 years) and mother of four, I second everything Andrew Hsu expressed.

I'd like to add, my now 22-year old daughter and her friends used to bike over the 101 at Holly to get to the Bay Trail when they were in high school.

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I cannot underscore enough the social imperative of providing safe passage for the younger / slower / older members of our community. The Holly Street bike/ped bridge is key to this goal.

I urge you to support San Carlos in building its bike/ped bridge across highway 101.

Thank you,  
Sonia Elkes

Sent from my iPhone

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Public comment regarding agenda Item 14a (conditional funding for 101 Holly Street overpass) for 01/08/2026 meeting

Dear SMCTA Board,

As a San Carlos resident of 20 years and a walker and biker who crosses 101 on the Holly Street overpass multiple times per week, I urge you to approve funding to build the Holly Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass. This bridge will save lives, reduce injuries, and reduce traffic conflict.

Each time any of us walks or bikes across the current Holly Street Overpass, we take our lives in our hands. The bike lanes are dangerous due to merge traffic crossing them. Drivers are looking over their shoulders to merge; they cannot simultaneously look forward to ensure that they don't run over people walking and biking. The design is unsafe.

Likewise, the pedestrian crossings on the current Holly Street Overpass are unsafe. Drivers of cars feel that they must accelerate to merge with traffic on Holly Street, so they frequently blast through the crosswalk at 35 mph, which could be deadly for anyone using those crosswalks.

This pedestrian/biking corridor is crucial. People coming from San Carlos and Caltrain need to get to:

- jobs and homes in Redwood Shores
- the Nob Hill shopping center
- the Bay Trail
- major health and recreation facilities in RW Shores

Even more importantly, people living in Redwood Shores need this bridge to get anywhere at all without a car!

We cannot demand that all people drive cars. The young and the very old can't drive; others can't afford to buy a car or pay for a daily Uber. We must keep options open for safe transit via walking and biking.

All residents and visitors to San Carlos, Redwood Shores, and the Bay Trail will benefit from this project.

Thanks for your attention! Please fund the pedestrian and bike bridge!

Sincerely,  
Arley Lewis  
San Carlos, CA 94070

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