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Subject: To your office, as an elected: weekend traffic enforcement, and an end to "Longer Term" — before you endorse

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This is addressed to the elected officials.

I have already written to you asking that Highways 35, 84 and 9 be made a safe corridor. That ask stands. I am writing to add two that are immediate.

I am told the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel report is being taken around for signatures. What is really being decided is whether this becomes the corridor's working plan. As written, it should not. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Change "Longer Term" to NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked "Longer Term." That heading is the whole problem. The ask is not a promise about "Longer Term." The ask is to delete it and write NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don't. Nobody else needs to die from inaction.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement. Request it now, then require it.

Sheriff's traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley does not cover the weekend. The racing does. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. Do not convert this into another round of public comment. That is how the last several years disappeared. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

Gratefully,
Brian Woods

I'm one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9. This is incredibly important to health and safety of those you are charged with protecting.

The crash record, the map, and the fixes we're asking for:

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

Supervisor Ray Mueller’s South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under “Longer Term.” That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. I am asking you to strike two words and write one: NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don’t endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement. Request it now, then require it.

Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — Then amend it, this year, so weekend coverage survives turnover and budget cycles. There is no new appropriation in either step. To the Sheriff: please confirm to both towns that weekend rostering is available, and that you would accept it as a contract term.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session.

For every location on this corridor with a fatality record, publish what Caltrans plans to do about it and how that decision gets made. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Publish something we can answer. We will respond in writing, on the record, and quickly — but you have to go first. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

With appreciation,

I'm writing as a neighbor on the Hwy 35/84/9 corridor.

The whole case, with sources: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

I have already written to you asking that Highways 35, 84 and 9 be made a safe corridor. That ask stands. I am writing to add two that are immediate.

Ahead of any endorsement of the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations: please read them. If they are signed as they stand, they become the settled position on this corridor and the benchmark for everything that follows. They are not good enough. Three asks:

ASK 1 — “Longer Term” must be NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked “Longer Term.” That heading is the whole problem. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. Your signature on that heading is a signature on the delay. Please withhold it until it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Two steps to weekend traffic enforcement.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Ask the Sheriff for weekend traffic coverage now, under the contract that already exists. Nothing in Woodside’s agreement specifies days of the week, so this needs a decision, not an amendment. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. Neither ask increases the cost of the contract. Sheriff’s Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session. Give us a document: each problematic section, what Caltrans will do, what it will not do, why, and when it decides. No more open houses. Meetings where residents provide the input and the agency incorporates none of it are worse than nothing; they consume the very people who keep showing up. Reverse the direction. Right now residents bring the evidence and the agency receives it; publish a proposal and let us react to that. Please include, for each item, who at Caltrans is responsible and when they will have answered.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

With thanks,

I'm writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.
The full crash record and every proposed fix: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

Endorsements are being gathered for Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Understand what an endorsement does: it codifies these as the agreed plan, and everything after it is judged against this baseline. The baseline is weak. Please read it, and consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The Caltrans safety review, and the systemic changes it will produce, are under a “Longer Term” heading. Change the heading. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Endorse it only once it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement. Request it now, then require it.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff’s traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — Make the request now, under the existing contract. There is no weekday clause to renegotiate. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. No new funding is needed for either step. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: no more feedback meetings. Publish a process.

Publish a section-by-section statement of intent for this corridor — what is planned, what is refused, the reasoning, and the timing. Do not convert this into another round of public comment. That is how the last several years disappeared. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

Do these and this corridor changes. Do none and a weak document becomes the answer for years.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Siegel

I’m one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways.

Everything we’ve documented on this corridor:

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This is addressed to the elected officials. I've written to you before about a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. This adds two immediate asks to that one. I gather the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are coming to you for support. Once endorsed, they harden into the corridor's official plan and set the ceiling on what anyone asks for next. That ceiling is too low. Please consider these three asks: ASK 1 — Move the safety review and everything after it to NOW. The Caltrans safety review and the systemic changes it will require are sitting under "Longer Term." Nothing else in the report matters as much as that heading. This is not a request to prioritise "Longer Term." It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Your signature on that heading is a signature on the delay. Please withhold it until it reads NOW. ASK 2 — Two steps to weekend traffic enforcement. Sheriff's traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley does not cover the weekend. The racing does. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. Please don't let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this. ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to. Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Put a proposal in front of us. We have supplied the data for three years; it is Caltrans's turn to supply a plan. Name the office accountable for each section and the date its determination is due. A process without a name and a date is not a process. The label has to read NOW, the weekend has to be covered, and Caltrans has to publish what it intends. That is the whole ask. Yours sincerely, This comes from one of the people working on the Safe Corridor Initiative (Hwy 35/84/9). The evidence base and the funding routes, together:

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This is addressed to the elected officials.

This is a follow-up to the safe-corridor ask I sent you. That request is unchanged; these two are urgent additions.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

What this corridor needs is the safety review and the systemic changes that come from it. Both are labelled “Longer Term.” The fix is one word. Replace “Longer Term” with NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don’t endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying.

Sheriff’s traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley needs to cover the weekend, when most of the racing occurs.

2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside’s contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. There is no new appropriation in either step. And Sheriff — please don’t let the answer be that it costs more.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session. For every location on this corridor with a fatality record, publish what Caltrans plans to do about it and how that decision gets made. We do not need another listening session. We have had them. Nothing on the pavement is different afterwards. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

Three asks, none of them expensive, and a document about to be endorsed that would make all three harder.

With thanks,

This comes from one of the people working on the Safe Corridor Initiative (Hwy 35/84/9). Sources, maps and the segment-by-segment asks: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

Thank you,
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To the elected council members, supervisors and legislators on this list:

Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones.

Ahead of any endorsement of the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations: please read them. If they are signed as they stand, they become the settled position on this corridor and the benchmark for everything that follows. They are not good enough. Three asks:

ASK 1 — The label is the problem. Change “Longer Term” to NOW. A safety review, and every structural change that follows it, have been assigned to “Longer Term.” That is a choice, and it is the wrong one. Don’t negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don’t.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement. Request it now, then require it. Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — Make the request now, under the existing contract. There is no weekday clause to renegotiate. 2b — Then amend it, this year, so weekend coverage survives turnover and budget cycles. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. And to the Sheriff’s Office: please help these towns roster weekend coverage, and accept it as an obligation going forward.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish a defined, accountable process for each problem section. Publish a section-by-section statement of intent for this corridor — what is planned, what is

refused, the reasoning, and the timing. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Give us a draft to argue with. That is a far better use of everyone's time than another evening of testimony. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

Do these and this corridor changes. Do none and a weak document becomes the answer for years.

Thank you,
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I'm part of the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.
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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

I have already written to you asking that Highways 35, 84 and 9 be made a safe corridor. That ask stands. I am writing to add two that are immediate.

If Supervisor Ray Mueller’s South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations reach you for endorsement, please read them first. Signing them makes a weak document the de facto standard for Highways 35, 84 and 9. My three asks are below.

ASK 1 — Replace “Longer Term” with NOW before you endorse anything.

A safety review, and every structural change that follows it, have been assigned to “Longer Term.” That is a choice, and it is the wrong one. Don’t negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. This crash record cannot be answered on a deferred schedule. Please don’t lend your name to one.

ASK 2 — Move the traffic hours to the weekend, and lock it in.

The weekend is unenforced in both towns, and the weekend is when people are dying. 2a — Ask for it today. The contract is silent on days, so the Sheriff can roster the funded hours onto Saturday and Sunday without any amendment. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. Please don’t let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

Do these and this corridor changes. Do none and a weak document becomes the answer for years.

Gratefully,

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I'm one of the many neighbors watching what happens to this corridor.

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This is addressed to the elected officials.

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

I gather the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are coming to you for support. Once endorsed, they harden into the corridor's official plan and set the ceiling on what anyone asks for next. That ceiling is too low. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Refuse the “Longer Term” heading. It has to read NOW.

A safety review, and every structural change that follows it, have been assigned to “Longer Term.” That is a choice, and it is the wrong one. Don't negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. Please make your endorsement conditional on that one change.

ASK 2 — Two steps to weekend traffic enforcement.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Request weekend coverage this month, under the existing agreement. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. No new funding is needed for either step. To the Sheriff's Office: please grant the redeployment, and help these towns write it into their agreements.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. Please don't answer this with a community meeting. A session where the public talks and the agency absorbs is not a process — it is a release valve. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

I am asking you to change one word, fix one schedule, and require one published process.

In hope,

I'm writing as a neighbor on the Hwy 35/84/9 corridor.

The whole case, with sources:

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

I'm writing about a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. I have three immediate asks, but first I'll tell you my own perspective:

I was born in 1967 and grew up in Palo Alto. As a teenager, in the 1980s, I would regularly ride my bike on a big loop, up Old La Honda, south on Skyline, and then down Page Mill back home to Palo Alto. I never felt unsafe riding on Skyline in those days, despite the ride from Old La Honda to Page Mill along Skyline being slow and uphill. The cars were all traveling at safe speeds. That was before the racers took over. Now, I avoid riding on Skyline with the exception of short sections in the downhill direction when I have no other option, such as to get from Russian Ridge to Crazy Pete's because the trails aren't right across Skyline from each other. It's insane to me that the Counties have allowed the racers to terrorize 35, 9, and 84 for so long. Every single weekend they are out there and I never see enforcement, and nothing has been done to the roads to slow the speeds physically.

Cyclists and pedestrians are being killed and injured, passengers are being killed and injured, and the drivers & motorcycle riders themselves are being killed and injured, and it is a tragedy in every instance.

Please please please start now with weekend enforcement and begin putting in concrete changes to stop the racers and make these roads safe again for all road users. It doesn't have to be the way it is now. The counties have allowed this to happen, and the counties can bring it to an end.

On to the three ASKS:

Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Change "Longer Term" to NOW.

Everything that would actually change this corridor — the safety review and the systemic changes it produces — carries a "Longer Term" label. The label is the failure. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. Twenty-six people have died on this corridor in five years. That record does not support a deferred heading, and no elected official should endorse one.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying.

The two towns on this corridor have no sheriff's traffic coverage at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — Request weekend coverage this month, under the existing agreement. 2b — Immediately after, amend the contract to guarantee it. No new funding is needed for either step. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Assign it and date it, or it will read as sympathy rather than intent.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

Respectfully,
Rachel Goldeen — Santa Cruz
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I'm one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways.

The data, the map, and the funding routes:

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My wife and I have lived on Skyline for 20 years. The dangerous racing/driving activity has become a constant worry. We're afraid to drive the roads that ingress/egress our very own house. The data is clear and something has to be done to restore safety to our streets. The racing culture has to change. And safety has to be prioritized:

In earnest,
David Morgan — Los Gatos

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I'm writing as one of the signers of the Safe Corridor petition (Hwy 35, 84 and 9).

Crash data, an interactive map, and the segment-by-segment fixes:

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This is a follow-up to the safe-corridor ask I sent you. That request is unchanged; these two are urgent additions.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under “Longer Term.” That single label is what is wrong with this document. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — Then amend the contract so weekend coverage is required, not discretionary. A request can be reversed next quarter; an obligation cannot. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. Sheriff’s Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

Strike "Longer Term," cover Saturday and Sunday, and publish the process. Please don't let a weak plan be signed first.

In hope,

I'm among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.

The evidence base and the funding routes, together: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

You have already heard from me about making Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. Everything in that ask still stands — I am adding two immediate ones.

If Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations reach you for endorsement, please read them first. Signing them makes a weak document the de facto standard for Highways 35, 84 and 9. My three asks are below.

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a "Longer Term" timeline. Make it NOW.

The one section that could change outcomes here — the safety review and everything downstream of it — is marked "Longer Term." I am asking you to strike two words and write one: NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Saturday and Sunday traffic enforcement, made permanent.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Ask for it today. The contract is silent on days, so the Sheriff can roster the funded hours onto Saturday and Sunday without any amendment. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. This is not a budget request. It is a scheduling decision, then a contractual one. Sheriff's Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session. State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will

produce the decision. Not another feedback meeting. Those fill a room with people describing the same deaths to staff who take notes, and nothing in the road changes. Give us a draft to argue with. That is a far better use of everyone's time than another evening of testimony. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

Sincerely,

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I'm writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.
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We live directly on 84 (east of 35) and there have been several accidents quite close to our property. I'm hoping some type of calming solution can be done on the curves there. In addition, I'm hoping for better side railing where at least one vehicle has gone over the edge.

Signed,
Jane Mackey — Woodside
[Blueskyjane@gmail.com](#)

I'm one of the signers of the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9.
See the crash record and the asks: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To every elected official copied here:

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

Ahead of any endorsement of the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations: please read them. If they are signed as they stand, they become the settled position on this corridor and the benchmark for everything that follows. They are not good enough. Three asks:

ASK 1 — "Longer Term" must be NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked "Longer Term." That heading is the whole problem. I am asking for the label to change, not for reassurance about it. NOW. A deferred heading is a decision with a body count. Please refuse it.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement. Request it now, then require it.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Ask for it today. The contract is silent on days, so the Sheriff can roster the funded hours onto Saturday and Sunday without any amendment. 2b — Then amend it, this year, so weekend coverage survives turnover and budget cycles. There is no new appropriation in either step. Sheriff's Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: no more feedback meetings. Publish a process.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Hand the community a plan to critique. That is a real consultation; the alternative is theatre. Make it accountable: who decides, by when, and how the public sees the outcome.

“Longer Term” must be NOW, the weekend must be covered, and Caltrans must publish a real process. None of it waits on money.

1. creating a barrier between drivers and bikers should be a given to protect anyone not in a vehicle on this road.
2. creating a separation between both roads like a curb/ditch so that the bike trail can remain free from debris caused by motor vehicles.

Gratefully,
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I'm part of the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.
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To those of you who were elected to decide this:

This is a follow-up to the safe-corridor ask I sent you. That request is unchanged; these two are urgent additions.

It has come to my attention that you may be about to endorse Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Please read them before you do. Once they are endorsed they become the de facto plan for this corridor, and every future request gets measured against them — so a weak document becomes the ceiling. They fall far short of what we need. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Move the safety review and everything after it to NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked "Longer Term." That heading is the whole problem. Don't negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. A deferred heading is a decision with a body count. Please refuse it.

ASK 2 — Move the traffic hours to the weekend, and lock it in.

Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. Both steps are about days, not dollars. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Without a named decision-maker and a date, none of this is auditable — and unauditable plans do not get built.

I am asking you to change one word, fix one schedule, and require one published process.

In hope,
Matthew Blake — Woodside

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I am a home owner in Woodside, a few minutes walk from 4 Corners. In addition to driving I walk and bicycle these roads and have seen over the last couple decades the speeding drivers (motorcycles and cars) have grown much, much worse. It is crazy that we let these few dangerous fools change this incredibly beautiful area into an extremely dangerous place. Please address the safety issues with Highway 84 and 35.

Respectfully,
Matthew Blake — Woodside

This comes with my signature on the Safe Corridor petition for Hwy 35/84/9.
The petition, crash data, map, and every proposed fix: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To those of you who were elected to decide this:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

Endorsements are being gathered for Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Understand what an endorsement does: it codifies these as the agreed plan, and everything after it is judged against this baseline. The baseline is weak. Please read it, and consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Delete "Longer Term." Write NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked "Longer Term." That heading is the whole problem. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. This crash record cannot be answered on a deferred schedule. Please don't lend your name to one.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. Both steps are about days, not dollars. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish a defined, accountable process for each problem section.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Put a proposal in front of us. We have supplied the data for three years; it is Caltrans's turn to supply a plan. Please include, for each item, who at Caltrans is responsible and when they will have answered.

I am asking you to change one word, fix one schedule, and require one published process.

Respectfully,

I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I'm following up.
Sources, maps and the segment-by-segment asks: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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This adds to what I have already asked of you on Highways 35, 84 and 9. My earlier ask stands; the two below are immediate.

Before you endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations, please read them. Endorsement is not a formality — it fixes these as the reference document for this corridor, and it will be cited back to us for years. They fall far short. Three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under “Longer Term.” That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. I am asking for the label to change, not for reassurance about it. NOW. Please make your endorsement conditional on that one change.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff's traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — Put the request in writing to the Sheriff now. No amendment, no renegotiation, no new appropriation. 2b — Then amend it, this year, so weekend coverage survives turnover and budget cycles. Neither ask increases the cost of the contract. Sheriff's Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: state your intentions for each problem section, in public.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. Please don't answer this with a community meeting. A session where the public talks and the agency absorbs is not a process — it is a release valve. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. Assign it and date it, or it will read as sympathy rather than intent.

Three asks, none of them expensive, and a document about to be endorsed that would make all three harder.

With appreciation,

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This is addressed to the elected officials.

I've written to you before about a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. This adds two immediate asks to that one.

Endorsements are being gathered for Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Understand what an endorsement does: it codifies these as the agreed plan, and everything after it is judged against this baseline. The baseline is weak. Please read it, and consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a "Longer Term" timeline. Make it NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked "Longer Term." That heading is the whole problem. Please don't accept a stronger commitment to "Longer Term." Insist the section be retitled NOW. Please make your endorsement conditional on that one change.

ASK 2 — Weekend enforcement, first by request and then by amendment.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — Then make it binding. Weekend coverage belongs in the contract, not in goodwill. This is not a budget request. It is a scheduling decision, then a contractual one. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish a defined, accountable process for each problem section.

Give us a document: each problematic section, what Caltrans will do, what it will not do, why, and when it decides. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Reverse the direction. Right now residents bring the evidence and the agency

receives it; publish a proposal and let us react to that. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

Strike "Longer Term," cover Saturday and Sunday, and publish the process. Please don't let a weak plan be signed first.

With appreciation,

Mike Swire

I'm among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.

The evidence base and the funding routes, together: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

You have already heard from me about making Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. Everything in that ask still stands — I am adding two immediate ones.

Supervisor Ray Mueller’s South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Strike “Longer Term.” The answer is NOW.

The Caltrans safety review and the systemic changes it will require are sitting under “Longer Term.” Nothing else in the report matters as much as that heading. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don’t endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Two steps to weekend traffic enforcement.

Sheriff’s traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley does not cover the weekend. The racing does. 2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. There is no new appropriation in either step. To the Sheriff: please confirm to both towns that weekend rostering is available, and that you would accept it as a contract term.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish intentions, process and timelines for each segment.

Publish a section-by-section statement of intent for this corridor — what is planned, what is refused, the reasoning, and the timing. Do not convert this into another round of public comment. That is how the last several years disappeared. Let the agency propose and the public respond, not the other way round. That is what every other kind of planning does. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

I am asking you to change one word, fix one schedule, and require one published process.

With appreciation,

I'm part of the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

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To the electeds:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked “Longer Term.” That heading is the whole problem. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Your signature on that heading is a signature on the delay. Please withhold it until it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — Make the request now, under the existing contract. There is no weekday clause to renegotiate. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. No more open houses. Meetings where residents provide the input and the agency incorporates none of it are worse than nothing; they consume the very people who keep showing up. Put a proposal in front of us. We have supplied the data for three years; it is Caltrans's turn to supply a plan. Without a named decision-maker and a date, none of this is auditable — and unauditable plans do not get built.

The label has to read NOW, the weekend has to be covered, and Caltrans has to publish what it intends. That is the whole ask.

With urgency,

I'm part of the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

Everything behind this — the data, the map, the specific fixes:

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Best,

Dave Cherne

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

I gather the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are coming to you for support. Once endorsed, they harden into the corridor's official plan and set the ceiling on what anyone asks for next. That ceiling is too low. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a "Longer Term" timeline. Make it NOW.

Everything that would actually change this corridor — the safety review and the systemic changes it produces — carries a "Longer Term" label. The label is the failure. Don't negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don't endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Put the request in writing to the Sheriff now. No amendment, no renegotiation, no new appropriation. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. The money is already committed. Only the schedule is in question. And to the Sheriff's Office: please help these towns roster weekend coverage, and accept it as an obligation going forward.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish a defined, accountable process for each problem section.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

I am asking you to change one word, fix one schedule, and require one published process.

Respectfully,
David Johnson

I'm among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9: I consider this a crucial "NOW" issue.

Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Delete “Longer Term.” Write NOW.

The Caltrans safety review and the systemic changes it will require are sitting under “Longer Term.” Nothing else in the report matters as much as that heading. Please don’t accept a stronger commitment to “Longer Term.” Insist the section be retitled NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don’t.

ASK 2 — Move the traffic hours to the weekend, and lock it in.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. Please don’t let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. And to the Sheriff: this needs your agreement on both counts. Please give it.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. Another workshop would be the wrong answer. The community has already supplied the evidence, repeatedly. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

Gratefully,

I'm one of the many neighbors watching what happens to this corridor.
The data, the map, and the funding routes: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

Sincerely,
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Hello.

I've written to you before about a safe corridor on Skyline, 84 and 9. This adds two immediate asks to that one.

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now. Three asks:

ASK 1 — “Longer Term” must be NOW.

The safety review and the systemic changes it will demand have been consigned to “Longer Term.” That is the sentence I am asking you to strike. I am asking for the label to change, not for reassurance about it. NOW. Twenty-six people have died on this corridor in five years. That record does not support a deferred heading, and no elected official should endorse one.

ASK 2 — Two steps to weekend traffic enforcement.

Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — Ask for it today. The contract is silent on days, so the Sheriff can roster the funded hours onto Saturday and Sunday without any amendment. 2b — Then amend it, this year, so weekend coverage survives turnover and budget cycles. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. And to the Sheriff's Office: please help these towns roster weekend coverage, and accept it as an obligation going forward.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish the process. We will respond to it.

For every location on this corridor with a fatality record, publish what Caltrans plans to do about it and how that decision gets made. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. Name the office accountable for each section and the date its determination is due. A process without a name and a date is not a process.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

With appreciation,
Cindy Asrir
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To the elected:

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

Endorsements are being gathered for Supervisor Ray Mueller’s South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Understand what an endorsement does: it codifies these as the agreed plan, and everything after it is judged against this baseline. The baseline is weak. Please read it, and consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Strike “Longer Term.” The answer is NOW.
The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under “Longer Term.” That single label is what is wrong with this document. I am not asking you to commit to “Longer Term” work. I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW.
Endorse it only once it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.
There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside’s contract runs to June 30, 2030. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.
Publish a section-by-section statement of intent for this corridor — what is planned, what is refused, the reasoning, and the timing. Not another feedback meeting. Those fill a room with people describing the same deaths to staff who take notes, and nothing in the road changes. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

In hope,

I’m one of the many neighbors watching what happens to this corridor.
The evidence base and the funding routes, together: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

Regards,
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My earlier ask — a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9 — still stands. I want to add two immediate asks to it.

I gather the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are coming to you for support. Once endorsed, they harden into the corridor's official plan and set the ceiling on what anyone asks for next. That ceiling is too low. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — "Longer Term" must be NOW.

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under "Longer Term." That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. The fix is one word. Replace "Longer Term" with NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don't endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Ask for it today. The contract is silent on days, so the Sheriff can roster the funded hours onto Saturday and Sunday without any amendment. 2b — Then lock it in by amendment. Anything discretionary drifts back to weekdays. Please don't let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. And to the Sheriff: this needs your agreement on both counts. Please give it.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

Publish the corridor's problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans's intended treatment and decision timeline. Not another feedback meeting. Those fill a room with people describing the same deaths to staff who take notes, and nothing in the road changes. Put a proposal in front of us. We have supplied the data for three years; it is Caltrans's turn to supply a plan. Make it accountable: who decides, by when, and how the public sees the outcome.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

With thanks,

I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I'm following up.
The evidence, and what the money could actually pay for: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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This is addressed to the elected officials.

Our earlier ask — a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9 — still stands. We want to add two immediate asks to it.

Ahead of any endorsement of the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations: please read them. If they are signed as they stand, they become the settled position on this corridor and the benchmark for everything that follows. They are not good enough. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

The Caltrans safety review and the systemic changes it will require are sitting under “Longer Term.” Nothing else in the report matters as much as that heading. Don’t negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. A deferred heading is a decision with a body count. Please refuse it.

ASK 2 — Saturday and Sunday traffic enforcement, made permanent.

Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. There is no new appropriation in either step. And to the Sheriff: this needs your agreement on both counts. Please give it.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

Three asks, none of them expensive, and a document about to be endorsed that would make all three harder.

In hope,
Ann Burton

I’m writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

The record and the asks, in one place:

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To the electeds who will be asked to put their name to this:

Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones.

I am told the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel report is being taken around for signatures. What is really being decided is whether this becomes the corridor's working plan. As written, it should not. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Refuse the “Longer Term” heading. It has to read NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and the systemic changes it will produce, are under a “Longer Term” heading. Change the heading. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Two steps to weekend traffic enforcement.

There is no sheriff’s traffic coverage in Woodside or Portola Valley on Saturday or Sunday. That is when this corridor is used as a racetrack. 2a — Request weekend coverage this month, under the existing agreement. 2b — Immediately after, amend the contract to guarantee it. Neither ask increases the cost of the contract. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

Publish the corridor’s problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans’s intended treatment and decision timeline. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

Sincerely,

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You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

I am told the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel report is being taken around for signatures. What is really being decided is whether this becomes the corridor's working plan. As written, it should not. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Replace “Longer Term” with NOW before you endorse anything.

The safety review and the systemic changes it will demand have been consigned to “Longer Term.” That is the sentence I am asking you to strike. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. Your signature on that heading is a signature on the delay. Please withhold it until it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff’s traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — Put the request in writing to the Sheriff now. No amendment, no renegotiation, no new appropriation. 2b — Then amend the contract so weekend coverage is required, not discretionary. A request can be reversed next quarter; an obligation cannot. There is no new appropriation in either step. To the Sheriff: please confirm to both towns that weekend rostering is available, and that you would accept it as a contract term.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: state your intentions for each problem section, in public.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. Another workshop would be the wrong answer. The community has already supplied the evidence, repeatedly. Give us a draft to argue with. That is a far better use of everyone’s time than another evening of testimony. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

Strike “Longer Term,” cover Saturday and Sunday, and publish the process. Please don’t let a weak plan be signed first.

Gratefully,

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I’m part of the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

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To the elected council members, supervisors and legislators on this list:

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It has come to my attention that you may be about to endorse Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Please read them before you do. Once they are endorsed they become the de facto plan for

this corridor, and every future request gets measured against them — so a weak document becomes the ceiling. They fall far short of what we need. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Replace “Longer Term” with NOW before you endorse anything.

Everything that would actually change this corridor — the safety review and the systemic changes it produces — carries a “Longer Term” label. The label is the failure. I am asking for the label to change, not for reassurance about it. NOW. A deferred heading is a decision with a body count. Please refuse it.

ASK 2 — Put sheriff’s traffic deputies on Saturday and Sunday.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff’s traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. No new funding is needed for either step. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish the process. We will respond to it.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. Not another feedback meeting. Those fill a room with people describing the same deaths to staff who take notes, and nothing in the road changes. Put a proposal in front of us. We have supplied the data for three years; it is Caltrans’s turn to supply a plan. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

Please don’t endorse a deferred timeline, don’t leave the weekend unenforced, and don’t accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

With thanks,
Anna Taub

I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I’m following up.

The crash record, the map, and the fixes we’re asking for:

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ASK 1 — Delete "Longer Term." Write NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked "Longer Term." That heading is the whole problem. This is not a request to prioritise "Longer Term." It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Put sheriff's traffic deputies on Saturday and Sunday.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — Ask for it today. The contract is silent on days, so the Sheriff can roster the funded hours onto Saturday and Sunday without any amendment. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. Please don't let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. And Sheriff —

please don't let the answer be that it costs more.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it. Publish your intentions and your decision process for each problematic section of SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9: what you intend to do, what you have already ruled out, on what basis, and by when. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

Thank you,

I'm among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.
The record and the asks, in one place: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To every elected official copied here:

I wrote to you already about designating and funding a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. Nothing has changed. I am adding two asks that cannot wait.

Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Strike "Longer Term." The answer is NOW.

The safety review and the systemic changes it will demand have been consigned to "Longer Term." That is the sentence I am asking you to strike. The ask is not a promise about "Longer Term." The ask is to delete it and write NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don't endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Weekend enforcement, first by request and then by amendment.

There is no sheriff's traffic coverage in Woodside or Portola Valley on Saturday or Sunday. That is when this corridor is used as a racetrack. 2a — Request weekend coverage this month, under the existing agreement. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. This costs nothing beyond what the towns already spend. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. Not another feedback meeting. Those fill a room with people describing the same deaths to staff who take notes, and nothing in the road changes. Let the agency propose and the public respond, not the other way round. That is what every other kind of planning does. Please include, for each item, who at Caltrans is responsible and when they will have answered.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

With thanks,

I'm writing as a neighbor on the Hwy 35/84/9 corridor.

The whole case, with sources:

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Delete “Longer Term.” Write NOW.

The Caltrans safety review and the systemic changes it will require are sitting under “Longer Term.” Nothing else in the report matters as much as that heading. Please don’t accept a stronger commitment to “Longer Term.” Insist the section be retitled NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don’t.

ASK 2 — Move the traffic hours to the weekend, and lock it in.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. Please don’t let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. And to the Sheriff: this needs your agreement on both counts. Please give it.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. Another workshop would be the wrong answer. The community has already supplied the evidence, repeatedly. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

Gratefully,

I'm one of the many neighbors watching what happens to this corridor.
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To every elected official copied here:

I’ve written to you before about a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. This adds two immediate asks to that one.

Before you endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations, please read them. Endorsement is not a formality — it fixes these as the reference document for this corridor, and it will be cited back to us for years. They fall far short. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Refuse the “Longer Term” heading. It has to read NOW.

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under “Longer Term.” That single label is what is wrong with this document. The fix is one word. Replace “Longer Term” with NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don’t.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

There is no sheriff’s traffic coverage in Woodside or Portola Valley on Saturday or Sunday. That is when this corridor is used as a racetrack. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside’s contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — Immediately after, amend the contract to guarantee it. This costs nothing beyond what the towns already spend. And Sheriff — please don’t let the answer be that it costs more.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: state your intentions for each problem section, in public.

For every location on this corridor with a fatality record, publish what Caltrans plans to do about it and how that decision gets made. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

Strike “Longer Term,” cover Saturday and Sunday, and publish the process. Please don’t let a weak plan be signed first.

Gratefully,

I’m one of the many neighbors watching what happens to this corridor.
The whole case, with sources: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the electeds — the people who actually hold the votes:

You have already heard from me about making Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. Everything in that ask still stands — I am adding two immediate ones.

Before you endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations, please read them. Endorsement is not a formality — it fixes these as the reference document for this corridor, and it will be cited back to us for years. They fall far short. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Refuse the “Longer Term” heading. It has to read NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked “Longer Term.” That heading is the whole problem. Please don’t accept a stronger commitment to “Longer Term.” Insist the section be retitled NOW. Endorse it only once it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside’s contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — Then lock it in by amendment. Anything discretionary drifts back to weekdays. This is not a budget request. It is a scheduling decision, then a contractual one. And Sheriff — please don’t let the answer be that it costs more.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

Publish the corridor's problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans's intended treatment and decision timeline. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Publish something we can answer. We will respond in writing, on the record, and quickly — but you have to go first. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

Yours sincerely,
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I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I'm following up.
The crash record, the map, and the fixes we're asking for: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

This adds to what I have already asked of you on Highways 35, 84 and 9. My earlier ask stands; the two below are immediate.

Ahead of any endorsement of the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations: please read them. If they are signed as they stand, they become the settled position on this corridor and the benchmark for everything that follows. They are not good enough. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Delete “Longer Term.” Write NOW.

Everything that would actually change this corridor — the safety review and the systemic changes it produces — carries a “Longer Term” label. The label is the failure. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Move the traffic hours to the weekend, and lock it in.

Sheriff’s traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley does not cover the weekend. The racing does. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside’s contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — Then amend the contract so weekend coverage is required, not discretionary. A request can be reversed next quarter; an obligation cannot. Neither ask increases the cost of the contract. And to the Sheriff: this needs your agreement on both counts. Please give it.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it. Publish the intentions and the process — per section, with reasoning and dates — for SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. Make it accountable: who decides, by when, and how the public sees the outcome.

“Longer Term” must be NOW, the weekend must be covered, and Caltrans must publish a real process. None of it waits on money.

Thank you,

I’m among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.
The full crash record and every proposed fix: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

I have already written to you asking that Highways 35, 84 and 9 be made a safe corridor. That ask stands. I am writing to add two that are immediate.

If Supervisor Ray Mueller’s South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations reach you for endorsement, please read them first. Signing them makes a weak document the de facto standard for Highways 35, 84 and 9. My three asks are below.

ASK 1 — Refuse the “Longer Term” heading. It has to read NOW.

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under “Longer Term.” That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don’t endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Put sheriff’s traffic deputies on Saturday and Sunday.

The weekend is unenforced in both towns, and the weekend is when people are dying. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. No new funding is needed for either step. Sheriff’s Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which

Caltrans will commit. We do not need another listening session. We have had them. Nothing on the pavement is different afterwards. Hand the community a plan to critique. That is a real consultation; the alternative is theatre. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

In earnest,

I'm among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.

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To the electeds who will be asked to put their name to this:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

Endorsements are being gathered for Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Understand what an endorsement does: it codifies these as the agreed plan, and everything after it is judged against this baseline. The baseline is weak. Please read it, and consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Move the safety review and everything after it to NOW.

What this corridor needs is the safety review and the systemic changes that come from it. Both are labelled "Longer Term." Do not endorse a commitment to "Longer Term." Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Saturday and Sunday traffic enforcement, made permanent.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff's traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — Ask the Sheriff for weekend traffic coverage now, under the contract that already exists. Nothing in Woodside's agreement specifies days of the week, so this needs a decision, not an amendment. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. This is not a budget request. It is a scheduling decision, then a contractual one. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish intentions, process and timelines for each segment. For every location on this corridor with a fatality record, publish what Caltrans plans to do about it and how that decision gets made. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

With thanks,

I'm writing as a neighbor on the Hwy 35/84/9 corridor.

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Dear elected officials;

My earlier ask — a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9 — still stands. I want to add two immediate asks to it.

I gather the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are coming to you for support. Once endorsed, they harden into the corridor's official plan and set the ceiling on what anyone asks for next. That ceiling is too low. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

What this corridor needs is the safety review and the systemic changes that come from it. Both are labelled “Longer Term.” Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don't.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — Make the request now, under the existing contract. There is no weekday clause to renegotiate. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. The money is already committed. Only the schedule is in question. Sheriff's Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section.

For every location on this corridor with a fatality record, publish what Caltrans plans to do about it and how that decision gets made. A meeting is not a process. A process has a

document, a decision-maker and a date. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

I am asking you to change **one word**, **fix one schedule**, and **require one published process**.

Kind regards,

— Bouwien Luppens

I'm one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways.

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To the electeds — the people who actually hold the votes:

Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones.

I am told the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel report is being taken around for signatures. What is really being decided is whether this becomes the corridor's working plan. As written, it should not. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Replace "Longer Term" with NOW before you endorse anything. The Caltrans safety review and the systemic changes it will require are sitting under "Longer Term." Nothing else in the report matters as much as that heading. Do not endorse a commitment to "Longer Term." Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. Twenty-six people have died on this corridor in five years. That record does not support a deferred heading, and no elected official should endorse one.

ASK 2 — Weekend enforcement, first by request and then by amendment. Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — Immediately after, amend the contract to guarantee it. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it.

Publish the corridor's problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans's intended treatment and decision timeline. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

Sincerely,

This comes from one of the people working on the Safe Corridor Initiative (Hwy 35/84/9).
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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now. Three asks:

ASK 1 — “Longer Term” must be NOW.

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under “Longer Term.” That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. The fix is one word. Replace “Longer Term” with NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Put sheriff’s traffic deputies on Saturday and Sunday.

The two towns on this corridor have no sheriff’s traffic coverage at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — Ask for it today. The contract is silent on days, so the Sheriff can roster the funded hours onto Saturday and Sunday without any amendment. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside’s contract runs to June 30, 2030. Neither ask increases the cost of the contract. And to the Sheriff: this needs your agreement on both counts. Please give it.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish intentions, process and timelines for each segment.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Let the agency propose and the public respond, not the other way round. That is what every other kind of planning does. Without a named decision-maker and a date, none of this is auditable — and unauditable plans do not get built.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

With thanks,

I’m writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

Everything we’ve documented on this corridor:

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

I wrote to you already about designating and funding a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. Nothing has changed. I am adding two asks that cannot wait.

Supervisor Ray Mueller’s South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and the systemic changes it will produce, are under a “Longer Term” heading. Change the heading. Do not endorse a commitment to “Longer Term.”

Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. Please make your endorsement conditional on that one change.

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Sheriff’s traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley does not cover the weekend. The racing does. 2a — Put the request in writing to the Sheriff now. No amendment, no renegotiation, no new appropriation. 2b — Then amend it, this year, so weekend coverage survives turnover and budget cycles. There is no new appropriation in either step. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

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Publish a section-by-section statement of intent for this corridor — what is planned, what is refused, the reasoning, and the timing. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Put a proposal in front of us. We have supplied the data for three years; it is Caltrans's turn to supply a plan. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

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With thanks,

I'm part of the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

The evidence, and what the money could actually pay for: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

Traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley skips the weekend entirely. So does nothing else about this corridor.

2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. To the Sheriff: please confirm to both towns that weekend rostering is available, and that you would accept it as a contract term.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish intentions, process and timelines for each segment.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. We do not need another listening session. We have had them. Nothing on the pavement is different afterwards. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Assign it and date it, or it will read as sympathy rather than intent.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

With appreciation,

I'm writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

The whole case, with sources:

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This is addressed to the elected officials.

I have already written to you asking that Highways 35, 84 and 9 be made a safe corridor. That ask stands. I am writing to add two that are immediate.

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now.

Three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The Caltrans safety review and the systemic changes it will require are sitting under “Longer Term.” Nothing else in the report matters as much as that heading. Don’t negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside’s contract runs to June 30, 2030. No new funding is needed for either step. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section. Give us a document: each problematic section, what Caltrans will do, what it will not do, why, and when it decides. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

In earnest,

I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I'm following up. The crash record, the map, and the fixes we're asking for: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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These actions are needed desperately. My own experience was on Page Mill - a car racing up the hill couldn't hold a turn, rode up onto the dirt embankment, then came flying across the road across the centerline directly toward me a I descended on my bike. I was lucky he pulled it back into his lane in time. First and foremost we need more enforcement in the hills. Cars are racing on these roads and killing people.

Signed,
Jeff Weitzman — Palo Alto

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I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

Everything behind this — the data, the map, the specific fixes:

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To the elected council members, supervisors and legislators on this list:

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

Ahead of any endorsement of the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations: please read them. If they are signed as they stand, they become the settled position on this corridor and the benchmark for everything that follows. They are not good enough. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Strike "Longer Term." The answer is NOW.

The one section that could change outcomes here — the safety review and everything downstream of it — is marked "Longer Term." Do not endorse a commitment to "Longer Term." Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff's traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. Neither ask increases the cost of the contract. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates. Publish the intentions and the process — per section, with reasoning and dates — for SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Assign it and date it, or it will read as sympathy rather than intent.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

Sincerely,

I'm one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways. Sources, maps and the segment-by-segment asks: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To every elected official copied here:

This is a follow-up to the safe-corridor ask I sent you. That request is unchanged; these two are urgent additions.

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now. Three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under “Longer Term.” That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. I am asking for the label to change, not for reassurance about it. NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement. Request it now, then require it.

Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — Immediately after, amend the contract to guarantee it. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish intentions, process and timelines for each segment.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. We do not need another listening session. We have had them. Nothing on the pavement is different afterwards. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. Make it accountable: who decides, by when, and how the public sees the outcome.

Strike “Longer Term,” cover Saturday and Sunday, and publish the process. Please don’t let a weak plan be signed first.

With thanks,

Luis Valente

I’m part of the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

Before you endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations, please read them. Endorsement is not a formality — it fixes these as the reference document for this corridor, and it will be cited back to us for years. They fall far short. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Replace “Longer Term” with NOW before you endorse anything.

What this corridor needs is the safety review and the systemic changes that come from it. Both are labelled “Longer Term.” Do not endorse a commitment to “Longer Term.” Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

Sheriff’s traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley does not cover the weekend. The racing does. 2a — Put the request in writing to the Sheriff now. No amendment, no renegotiation, no new appropriation. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. Both steps are about days, not dollars. To the Sheriff: please confirm to both towns that weekend rostering is available, and that you would accept it as a contract term.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section.

Publish the corridor’s problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans’s intended treatment and decision timeline. Do not convert this into another round of public comment. That is how the last several years disappeared. Give us a draft to argue with. That is a far better use of everyone’s time than another evening of testimony. Name the office accountable for each section and the date its determination is due. A process without a name and a date is not a process.

Please don’t endorse a deferred timeline, don’t leave the weekend unenforced, and don’t accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

Yours sincerely,
Drew Hoffman

I’m one of the many neighbors watching what happens to this corridor.

Everything behind this — the data, the map, the specific fixes: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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Dear Elected Represents,

Thank you for your immediate actions to prevent illegal and dangerous driving in the Santa Cruz Mountains by deploying CHP and San Mateo Sheriff officers this weekend to enforce traffic rules on route 35, 84 and 9! I believe this law enforcement action (hopefully it can be sustained) will go a long way to reducing dangerous driving! It was great to see law enforcement presence and action!

You have already heard from me about making Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. Everything in that ask still stands — **I am adding other requests.**

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Move the safety review and everything after it to NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked "Longer Term." That heading is the whole problem. The ask is not a promise about "Longer Term." **The ask is to delete it and write NOW.** Please make your endorsement conditional on that one change.

ASK 2 — Weekend enforcement (like what was deployed this weekend!), first by request and then by amendment.

There is little weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside's contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

Also assure there are CHP officers patrolling and ticketing if need be. I believe this key to reducing the number of severe crashes that occur on these mountain roads that have become known and used as raceways. Law enforcement action can send a clear message that there are consequences to breaking the law and endangering other road users and residents.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session. Publish the corridor's problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans's intended treatment and decision timeline. We do not need another listening session. We have had them. Nothing on the pavement is different afterwards. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. Without a named decision-maker and a date, none of this is auditable — and unauditable plans do not get built.

Thank you for your prompt action on this matter to prevent injuries and deaths!

Respectfully,
Piet Canin
Palo Alto, CA

I'm writing as someone who bicycles and drives these roads.
Everything we've documented on this corridor: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

My earlier ask — a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9 — still stands. I want to add two immediate asks to it.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

What this corridor needs is the safety review and the systemic changes that come from it. Both are labelled “Longer Term.” The fix is one word. Replace “Longer Term” with NOW. A deferred heading is a decision with a body count. Please refuse it.

ASK 2 — Saturday and Sunday traffic enforcement, made permanent.

No deputy works traffic in Woodside or Portola Valley on a Saturday. The panel’s own report says weekends and holidays are when the problem is worst. 2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — Then make it binding. Weekend coverage belongs in the contract, not in goodwill. No new funding is needed for either step. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

Give us a document: each problematic section, what Caltrans will do, what it will not do, why, and when it decides. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

Strike “Longer Term,” cover Saturday and Sunday, and publish the process. Please don’t let a weak plan be signed first.

Respectfully, Susan chaput

I’m among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.

The data, the map, and the funding routes:

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This is addressed to the elected officials.

I wrote to you already about designating and funding a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. Nothing has changed. I am adding two asks that cannot wait.

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now. Three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The safety review and the systemic changes it will demand have been consigned to “Longer Term.” That is the sentence I am asking you to strike. Don’t negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Saturday and Sunday traffic enforcement, made permanent.

The weekend is unenforced in both towns, and the weekend is when people are dying. 2a — Ask for it today. The contract is silent on days, so the Sheriff can roster the funded hours onto Saturday and Sunday without any amendment. 2b — Then lock it in by amendment. Anything discretionary drifts back to weekdays. No new funding is needed for either step. To the Sheriff’s Office: please grant the redeployment, and help these towns write it into their agreements.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish intentions, process and timelines for each segment.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

Do these and this corridor changes. Do none and a weak document becomes the answer for years.

Thank you,

I’m a constituent following the Safe Corridor Initiative on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

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To the elected officials on this list:

You already have my hastily written & sent earlier letter wrt all the people dying on these roads. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW. We need ACTION! Not more bureaucracy. No more studies, no more public outreach, no more listening sessions. ENFORCE the speed limit on EACH and EVERY weekend. You know people are speeding, way way beyond the speed limit, risking lives of everyone else who is using or lives near these public roads. MAKE THEM ACCOUNTABLE. Please.

Ahead of any endorsement of the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations: please read them. If they are signed as they stand, they become the settled position on this corridor and the benchmark for everything that follows. They are not good enough. Three asks:

ASK 1 — “Longer Term” must be NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and the systemic changes it will produce, are under a “Longer Term” heading. Change the heading. I am not asking you to commit to “Longer Term” work. I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW. Twenty-six people have died on this corridor in five years. That record does not support a deferred heading, and no elected official should endorse one.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

There is no sheriff’s traffic coverage in Woodside or Portola Valley on Saturday or Sunday. That is when this corridor is used as a racetrack.

2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. Both steps are about days, not dollars. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it.

Publish the intentions and the process — per section, with reasoning and dates — for SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9. We do not need another listening session. We have had them. Nothing on the pavement is different afterwards. Let the agency propose and the public respond, not the other way round. That is what every other kind of planning does. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

Do these and this corridor changes. Do none and a weak document becomes the answer for years.

Thank you.

Joel Gartland

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Subject: For the electeds — Caltrans: publish your process, section by section — from a constituent

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To the elected council members, supervisors and legislators on this list:

I wrote to you already about designating and funding a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. Nothing has changed. I am adding two asks that cannot wait.

Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Strike "Longer Term." The answer is NOW.

The safety review and the systemic changes it will demand have been consigned to "Longer Term." That is the sentence I am asking you to strike. Do not endorse a commitment to "Longer Term." Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. A deferred heading is a decision with a body count. Please refuse it.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

There is no sheriff's traffic coverage in Woodside or Portola Valley on Saturday or Sunday. That is when this corridor is used as a racetrack. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

Give us a document: each problematic section, what Caltrans will do, what it will not do, why, and when it decides. Not another feedback meeting. Those fill a room with people describing the same deaths to staff who take notes, and nothing in the road changes. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

The label has to read NOW, the weekend has to be covered, and Caltrans has to publish what it intends. That is the whole ask.

Respectfully,

Paul Becker

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To the elected council members, supervisors and legislators on this list:

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Ahead of any endorsement of the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations: please read them. If they are signed as they stand, they become the settled position on this corridor and the benchmark for everything that follows. They are not good enough. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked “Longer Term.” That heading is the whole problem. Don’t negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Put sheriff’s traffic deputies on Saturday and Sunday.

No deputy works traffic in Woodside or Portola Valley on a Saturday. The panel’s own report says weekends and holidays are when the problem is worst. 2a — Ask the Sheriff for weekend traffic coverage now, under the contract that already exists. Nothing in Woodside’s agreement specifies days of the week, so this needs a decision, not an amendment. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. To the Sheriff: please confirm to both towns that weekend rostering is available, and that you would accept it as a contract term.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session.

For every location on this corridor with a fatality record, publish what Caltrans plans to do about it and how that decision gets made. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. Publish something we can answer. We will respond in writing, on the record, and quickly — but you have to go first. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

With urgency,
Lecia finney

This comes from one of the people working on the Safe Corridor Initiative (Hwy 35/84/9).

The evidence, and what the money could actually pay for:

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To the elected officials on this list:

This adds to what I have already asked of you on Highways 35, 84 and 9. My earlier ask stands; the two below are immediate.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Delete “Longer Term.” Write NOW.

What this corridor needs is the safety review and the systemic changes that come from it. Both are labelled “Longer Term.” I am not asking you to commit to “Longer Term” work. I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don’t endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

There is no sheriff’s traffic coverage in Woodside or Portola Valley on Saturday or Sunday. That is when this corridor is used as a racetrack. 2a — Make the request now, under the existing contract. There is no weekday clause to renegotiate. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside’s contract runs to June 30, 2030. There is no new appropriation in either step. To the Sheriff’s Office: please grant the redeployment, and help these towns write it into their agreements.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

Give us a document: each problematic section, what Caltrans will do, what it will not do, why, and when it decides. We do not need another listening session. We have had them. Nothing on the pavement is different afterwards. Reverse the direction. Right now residents bring the evidence and the agency receives it; publish a proposal and let us react to that. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

In hope,

I’m a constituent following the Safe Corridor Initiative on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

The data, the map, and the funding routes:

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The below is a form letter from advocates, but I really mean it!

The safety problem in this area is appalling and unacceptable.

Many times I've biked on these roads and seen Porches and Lamborghinis drag racing around cyclists and pedestrians.

I would say it's only a matter of time until something happens -- but it already has for several years.

It seems like every day I open up my e-mail to a new tragedy caused by the unacceptable negligence that allows these dangers to persist.

Take action now! This situation is shameful.

Best,
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To the electeds — the people who actually hold the votes:

I've written to you before about a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. This adds two immediate asks to that one.

Ahead of any endorsement of the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations: please read them. If they are signed as they stand, they become the settled position on this corridor and the benchmark for everything that follows. They are not good enough. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under “Longer Term.” That single label is what is wrong with this document. I am asking for the label to change, not for reassurance about it. NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Move the traffic hours to the weekend, and lock it in.

The two towns on this corridor have no sheriff's traffic coverage at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — Then amend the contract so weekend coverage is required, not discretionary. A request can be reversed next quarter; an obligation cannot. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. And Sheriff — please don't let the answer be that it costs more.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: state your intentions for each problem section, in public.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. Another workshop would be the wrong answer. The community has already supplied the evidence, repeatedly. Publish something we can answer. We will respond in writing, on the record, and quickly — but you have to go first. Assign it and date it, or it will read as sympathy rather than intent.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

Gratefully,

I'm writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9. The data, the map, and the funding routes: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

You have already heard from me about making Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. Everything in that ask still stands — I am adding two immediate ones.

Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Delete "Longer Term." Write NOW.

The Caltrans safety review and the systemic changes it will require are sitting under "Longer Term." Nothing else in the report matters as much as that heading. I am asking you to strike two words and write one: NOW. Your signature on that heading is a signature on the delay. Please withhold it until it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Weekend enforcement, first by request and then by amendment.

There is no sheriff's traffic coverage in Woodside or Portola Valley on Saturday or Sunday. That is when this corridor is used as a racetrack. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. Please don't let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. And to the Sheriff: this needs your agreement on both counts. Please give it.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session.

Publish your intentions and your decision process for each problematic section of SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9: what you intend to do, what you have already ruled out, on what basis, and by when. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Put a proposal in front of us. We have supplied the data for three years; it is Caltrans's turn to supply a plan. Without a named decision-maker and a date, none of this is auditable — and unauditable plans do not get built.

The label has to read NOW, the weekend has to be covered, and Caltrans has to publish what it intends. That is the whole ask.

In hope,

I'm one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

The evidence, and what the money could actually pay for:

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

My earlier ask — a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9 — still stands. I want to add two immediate asks to it.

It has come to my attention that you may be about to endorse Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Please read them before you do. Once they are endorsed they become the de facto plan for this corridor, and every future request gets measured against them — so a weak document becomes the ceiling. They fall far short of what we need. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Refuse the "Longer Term" heading. It has to read NOW.

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under "Longer Term."

That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. Please don't accept a stronger commitment to "Longer Term." Insist the section be retitled NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don't endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside's contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. Please don't let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

Give us a document: each problematic section, what Caltrans will do, what it will not do, why, and when it decides. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. Name the office accountable for each section and the date its determination is due. A process without a name and a date is not a process.

I am asking you to change one word, fix one schedule, and require one published process.

Yours sincerely,
Karen Gissibl

I'm among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.
The record and the asks, in one place: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To those of you who were elected to decide this:

You have already heard from me about making Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. Everything in that ask still stands — I am adding two immediate ones.

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now. Three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked “Longer Term.” That heading is the whole problem. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. This crash record cannot be answered on a deferred schedule. Please don’t lend your name to one.

ASK 2 — Two steps to weekend traffic enforcement.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. Please don’t let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. And to the Sheriff’s Office: please help these towns roster weekend coverage, and accept it as an obligation going forward.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish the process. We will respond to it.

Publish the corridor’s problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans’s intended treatment and decision timeline. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. Reverse the direction. Right now residents bring the evidence and the agency receives it; publish a proposal and let us react to that. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

Please don’t endorse a deferred timeline, don’t leave the weekend unenforced, and don’t accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

I do not live in Woodside, but I love to hike at the various Mid Pen Open Space preserves along Skyline and enjoy an occasion challenging bike ride in the area. It's a beautiful area, but also very dangerous. Please take action to make it safer for all of us. Thank you!!!

Respectfully,
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I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I’m following up.

The evidence base and the funding routes, together:

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To the elected officials on this list:

Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones.

Endorsements are being gathered for Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Understand what an endorsement does: it codifies these as the agreed plan, and everything after it is judged against this baseline. The baseline is weak. Please read it, and consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Change "Longer Term" to NOW.

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under "Longer Term." That single label is what is wrong with this document. The ask is not a promise about "Longer Term." The ask is to delete it and write NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

The weekend is unenforced in both towns, and the weekend is when people are dying. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside's contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — Immediately after, amend the contract to guarantee it. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: state your intentions for each problem section, in public.

Publish the intentions and the process — per section, with reasoning and dates — for SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

Yours sincerely,

Dana

I'm one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways.

The whole case, with sources:

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

My earlier ask — a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9 — still stands. I want to add two immediate asks to it.

It has come to my attention that you may be about to endorse Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Please read them before you do. Once they are endorsed they become the de facto plan for this corridor, and every future request gets measured against them — so a weak document becomes the ceiling. They fall far short of what we need. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Strike "Longer Term." The answer is NOW.

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under "Longer Term." That single label is what is wrong with this document. Do not endorse a commitment to "Longer Term." Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. This crash record cannot be answered on a deferred schedule. Please don't lend your name to one.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

The two towns on this corridor have no sheriff's traffic coverage at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. Both steps are about days, not dollars. And to the Sheriff's Office: please help these towns roster weekend coverage, and accept it as an obligation going forward.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it. Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. Let the agency propose and the public respond, not the other way round. That is what every other kind of planning does. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

With thanks,

I'm one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways. The data, the map, and the funding routes: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the electeds — the people who actually hold the votes:

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Change “Longer Term” to NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked “Longer Term.” That heading is the whole problem. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don’t.

ASK 2 — Saturday and Sunday traffic enforcement, made permanent.

The weekend is unenforced in both towns, and the weekend is when people are dying. 2a — Ask the Sheriff for weekend traffic coverage now, under the contract that already exists. Nothing in Woodside’s agreement specifies days of the week, so this needs a decision, not an amendment. 2b — Then amend the contract so weekend coverage is required, not discretionary. A request can be reversed next quarter; an obligation cannot. There is no new appropriation in either step. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it.

Publish the intentions and the process — per section, with reasoning and dates — for SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. Put a proposal in front of us. We have supplied the data for three years; it is Caltrans’s turn to supply a plan. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

With thanks,

Rob

I’m one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways.

The crash record, the map, and the fixes we’re asking for:

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To the electeds — the people who actually hold the votes:

I have already written to you asking that Highways 35, 84 and 9 be made a safe corridor. That ask stands. I am writing to add two that are immediate.

Before you endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations, please read them. Endorsement is not a formality — it fixes these as the reference document for this corridor, and it will be cited back to us for years. They fall far short. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Refuse the “Longer Term” heading. It has to read NOW.

A safety review, and every structural change that follows it, have been assigned to “Longer Term.” That is a choice, and it is the wrong one. Don’t negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don’t.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

Traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley skips the weekend entirely. So does nothing else about this corridor.

2a — Ask for it today. The contract is silent on days, so the Sheriff can roster the funded hours onto Saturday and Sunday without any amendment. 2b — Then make it binding. Weekend coverage belongs in the contract, not in goodwill.

Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: a written, accountable process — not another listening session.

Publish a section-by-section statement of intent for this corridor — what is planned, what is refused, the reasoning, and the timing. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

Three asks, none of them expensive, and a document about to be endorsed that would make all three harder.

Please. Now. These beautiful roads have become so unsafe. Let’s do what we can to slow traffic and save lives.

Gratefully,

Lorraine — Portola Valley

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This comes from one of the people working on the Safe Corridor Initiative (Hwy 35/84/9).

Everything behind this — the data, the map, the specific fixes:

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This is addressed to the elected officials.

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

I am told the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel report is being taken around for signatures. What is really being decided is whether this becomes the corridor's working plan.

As written, it should not. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under “Longer Term.” That single label is what is wrong with this document. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. Twenty-six people have died on this corridor in five years. That record does not support a deferred heading, and no elected official should endorse one.

ASK 2 — Two steps to weekend traffic enforcement.

The two towns on this corridor have no sheriff's traffic coverage at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — Request weekend coverage this month, under the existing agreement. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. The money is already committed. Only the schedule is in question. And Sheriff — please don't let the answer be that it costs more.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. Not another feedback meeting. Those fill a room with people describing the same deaths to staff who take notes, and nothing in the road changes. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

“Longer Term” must be NOW, the weekend must be covered, and Caltrans must publish a real process. None of it waits on money.

Warmly,
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To the electeds who will be asked to put their name to this:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

If Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations reach you for endorsement, please read them first. Signing them makes a weak document the de facto standard for Highways 35, 84 and 9. My three asks are below.

ASK 1 — Delete "Longer Term." Write NOW.

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under "Longer Term." That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. Do not endorse a commitment to "Longer Term." Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. Endorse it only once it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement. Request it now, then require it.

The weekend is unenforced in both towns, and the weekend is when people are dying. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. The money is already committed. Only the schedule is in question. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

Publish the intentions and the process — per section, with reasoning and dates — for SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Let the agency propose and the public respond, not the other way round. That is what every other kind of planning does. Name the office accountable for each section and the date its determination is due. A process without a name and a date is not a process.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

With urgency,

I'm one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

Everything we've documented on this corridor:

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Supervisor Abe-Koga, and all community leaders,

While I support the Safety Corridor initiative, I ask that even if you can't make all the changes all at once, please take them on one at a time. Make safety your priority.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Bennett

Signed,
Elizabeth Bennett — Cupertino

I'm writing as one of the signers of the Safe Corridor petition (Hwy 35, 84 and 9).
The petition, crash data, map, and every proposed fix: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

My earlier ask — a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9 — still stands. I want to add two immediate asks to it.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked “Longer Term.” That heading is the whole problem. I am not asking you to commit to “Longer Term” work. I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don't endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

The weekend is unenforced in both towns, and the weekend is when people are dying. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside's contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. No new funding is needed for either step. And to the Sheriff's Office: please help these towns roster weekend coverage, and accept it as an obligation going forward.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. We do not need another listening session. We have had them. Nothing on the pavement is different afterwards. Hand the community a plan to critique. That is a real consultation; the alternative is theatre. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

I'm writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

The whole case, with sources: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

**Thank you,
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If Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations reach you for endorsement, please read them first. Signing them makes a weak document the de facto standard for Highways 35, 84 and 9. My three asks are below.

ASK 1 — "Longer Term" must be NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and the systemic changes it will produce, are under a "Longer Term" heading. Change the heading. This is not a request to prioritise "Longer Term." It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff's traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. Please don't let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: no more feedback meetings. Publish a process.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

Gratefully,

I'm one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

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To the elected council members, supervisors and legislators on this list:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

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ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

The safety review and the systemic changes it will demand have been consigned to “Longer Term.” That is the sentence I am asking you to strike. Please don’t accept a stronger commitment to “Longer Term.” Insist the section be retitled NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don’t endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

Traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley skips the weekend entirely. So does nothing else about this corridor. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. The money is already committed. Only the schedule is in question. To the Sheriff’s Office: please grant the redeployment, and help these towns write it into their agreements.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Reverse the direction. Right now residents bring the evidence and the agency receives it; publish a proposal and let us react to that. Name the office accountable for each section and the date its determination is due. A process without a name and a date is not a process.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

In earnest,

I’m writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9. Everything we’ve documented on this corridor: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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Subject: From West Menlo Park, to the elected: amend the sheriff's contracts to cover Saturday and Sunday — two immediate asks.

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To the elected:

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

Endorsements are being gathered for Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Understand what an endorsement does: it codifies these as the agreed plan, and everything after it is judged against this baseline. The baseline is weak. Please read it, and consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Change "Longer Term" to NOW.

Everything that would actually change this corridor — the safety review and the systemic changes it produces — carries a "Longer Term" label. The label is the failure. I am not asking you to commit to "Longer Term" work. I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff's traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — Put the request in writing to the Sheriff now. No amendment, no renegotiation, no new appropriation. 2b — Then amend the contract so weekend coverage is required, not discretionary. A request can be reversed next quarter; an obligation cannot. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. Sheriff's Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: no more feedback meetings. Publish a process.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. Do not convert this into another round of public comment. That is how the last several years disappeared. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Make it accountable: who decides, by when, and how the public sees the outcome.

"Longer Term" must be NOW, the weekend must be covered, and Caltrans must publish a real process. None of it waits on money.

Thank you,

Mario Latendresse — West Menlo Park
latendre@gmail.com

I'm one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways.

The evidence base and the funding routes, together:

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Subject: An ask of the electeds — the safety review must be NOW, not "Longer Term" — before you endorse

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I gather the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are coming to you for support. Once endorsed, they harden into the corridor's official plan and set the ceiling on what anyone asks for next. That ceiling is too low. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not "Longer Term."

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked "Longer Term." That heading is the whole problem. Don't negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. Your signature on that heading is a signature on the delay. Please withhold it until it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Saturday and Sunday traffic enforcement, made permanent.

The two towns on this corridor have no sheriff's traffic coverage at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — Request weekend coverage this month, under the existing agreement. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. The money is already committed. Only the schedule is in question. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish the process. We will respond to it.

Publish the corridor's problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans's intended treatment and decision timeline. Do not convert this into another round of public comment. That is how the last several years disappeared. Publish something we can answer. We will respond in writing, on the record, and quickly — but you have to go first. Assign it and date it, or it will read as sympathy rather than intent.

"Longer Term" must be NOW, the weekend must be covered, and Caltrans must publish a real process. None of it waits on money.

Thank you,
Mila Paul

I'm among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.

Sources, maps and the segment-by-segment asks:

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To the elected officials on this list:

I have already written to you asking that Highways 35, 84 and 9 be made a safe corridor. That ask stands. I am writing to add two that are immediate.

It has come to my attention that you may be about to endorse Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Please read them before you do. Once they are endorsed they become the de facto plan for this corridor, and every future request gets measured against them — so a weak document becomes the ceiling. They fall far short of what we need. Three asks:

ASK 1 — The label is the problem. Change “Longer Term” to NOW. Everything that would actually change this corridor — the safety review and the systemic changes it produces — carries a “Longer Term” label. The label is the failure. The ask is not a promise about “Longer Term.” The ask is to delete it and write NOW. A deferred heading is a decision with a body count. Please refuse it.

ASK 2 — Move the traffic hours to the weekend, and lock it in. No deputy works traffic in Woodside or Portola Valley on a Saturday. The panel's own report says weekends and holidays are when the problem is worst. 2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. This is not a budget request. It is a scheduling decision, then a contractual one. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section. Publish the intentions and the process — per section, with reasoning and dates — for SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9. Not another feedback meeting. Those fill a room with people describing the same deaths to staff who take notes, and nothing in the road changes. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

The label has to read NOW, the weekend has to be covered, and Caltrans has to publish what it intends. That is the whole ask.

Thank you,

I'm one of the many neighbors watching what happens to this corridor.
Everything we've documented on this corridor: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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This adds to what I have already asked of you on Highways 35, 84 and 9. My earlier ask stands; the two below are immediate.

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ASK 1 — Do not endorse a "Longer Term" timeline. Make it NOW.

The one section that could change outcomes here — the safety review and everything downstream of it — is marked "Longer Term." Don't negotiate the timeline. Change the heading. NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Weekend enforcement, first by request and then by amendment.

The two towns on this corridor have no sheriff's traffic coverage at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. No new funding is needed for either step. To the Sheriff's Office: please grant the redeployment, and help these towns write it into their agreements.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. No more open houses. Meetings where residents provide the input and the agency incorporates none of it are worse than nothing; they consume the very people who keep showing up. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Name the office accountable for each section and the date its determination is due. A process without a name and a date is not a process.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

There are too many joy riders and speeders/racers especially on the weekends. I know we are supposed to share the road, but there are no bike lanes and drivers have to cross over the pass the bikers. Bikers who decide to ride parallel or in the middle of the road are especially dangerous, especially if they ride slowly (buildup of cars braking throughout, drivers trying to pass illegally, passing too close to the bikers). Motorcyclists are also another issue trying to pass cars, weave in the middle lane, racing, etc).

Thank you,
Vivian Shih — Woodside
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I'm writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

The whole case, with sources:

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To the electeds — the people who actually hold the votes:

Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones.

It has come to my attention that you may be about to endorse Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Please read them before you do. Once they are endorsed they become the de facto plan for this corridor, and every future request gets measured against them — so a weak document becomes the ceiling. They fall far short of what we need. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Move the safety review and everything after it to NOW.

A safety review, and every structural change that follows it, have been assigned to "Longer Term." That is a choice, and it is the wrong one. I am not asking you to commit to "Longer Term" work. I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don't.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying.

Traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley skips the weekend entirely. So does nothing else about this corridor. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside's contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — Immediately after, amend the contract to guarantee it. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. To the Sheriff's Office: please grant the redeployment, and help these towns write it into their agreements.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it.

Publish a section-by-section statement of intent for this corridor — what is planned, what is refused, the reasoning, and the timing. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Publish something we can answer. We will respond in writing, on the record, and quickly — but you have to go first. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

“Longer Term” must be NOW, the weekend must be covered, and Caltrans must publish a real process. None of it waits on money.

Sincerely,

I’m one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

Everything behind this — the data, the map, the specific fixes:

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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

This adds to what I have already asked of you on Highways 35, 84 and 9. My earlier ask stands; the two below are immediate.

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Delete “Longer Term.” Write NOW.

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under “Longer Term.” That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Your signature on that heading is a signature on the delay. Please withhold it until it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

Sheriff’s traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley does not cover the weekend. The racing does. 2a — Request weekend coverage this month, under the existing agreement. 2b — Then make it binding. Weekend coverage belongs in the contract, not in goodwill. There is no new appropriation in either step. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: state your intentions for each problem section, in public.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. Name the office accountable for each section and the date its determination is due. A process without a name and a date is not a process.

Strike “Longer Term,” cover Saturday and Sunday, and publish the process. Please don’t let a weak plan be signed first.

In hope,

I’m a constituent following the Safe Corridor Initiative on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

The evidence base and the funding routes, together:

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To the electeds: Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones. I am told the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel report is being taken around for signatures. What is really being decided is whether this becomes the corridor's working plan. As written, it should not. Please consider these three asks:

- ASK 1 — Move the safety review and everything after it to NOW. The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under "Longer Term." That single label is what is wrong with this document. Do not endorse a commitment to "Longer Term." Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. Twenty-six people have died on this corridor in five years. That record does not support a deferred heading, and no elected official should endorse one.
- ASK 2 — Saturday and Sunday traffic enforcement, made permanent. No deputy works traffic in Woodside or Portola Valley on a Saturday. The panel's own report says weekends and holidays are when the problem is worst. 2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — Then make it binding. Weekend coverage belongs in the contract, not in goodwill. No new funding is needed for either step. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.
- ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section. State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. Please don't answer this with a community meeting. A session where the public talks and the agency absorbs is not a process — it is a release valve. Reverse the direction. Right

now residents bring the evidence and the agency receives it; publish a proposal and let us react to that. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later. Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan. With appreciation, I'm writing as a neighbor on the Hwy 35/84/9 corridor. The evidence base and the funding routes, together: [26 killed on the roads to the coast — and its preventable](#)

26 killed on the roads to the coast — and its preventable

A cyclist killed at Four Corners and another five miles south, in one year, on Highway 35, 84 & 9 through the Santa Cruz Mountains. The deaths cluster at the same few bends. Heres who owns each stretch — and the plan to make it safe. Add your name.

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Three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

Everything that would actually change this corridor — the safety review and the systemic changes it produces — carries a “Longer Term” label. The label is the failure. I am asking you to strike two words and write one: NOW. Please make your endorsement conditional on that one change.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement. Request it now, then require it.

No deputy works traffic in Woodside or Portola Valley on a Saturday. The panel’s own report says weekends and holidays are when the problem is worst. 2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — Then amend it, this year, so weekend coverage survives turnover and budget cycles. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. To the Sheriff’s Office: please grant the redeployment, and help these towns write it into their agreements.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section. Publish the intentions and the process — per section, with reasoning and dates — for SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Reverse the direction. Right now residents bring the evidence and the agency receives it; publish a proposal and let us react to that. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

“Longer Term” must be NOW, the weekend must be covered, and Caltrans must publish a real process. None of it waits on money.

ITEM 4 — I’m encouraged seeing that **speed camera enforcement** is listed as a long-term plans — My request to the State Legislators in the email to start working on a revision of the CVC to allow for more universal use of speed camera enforcement.

Sincerely,

I’m one of the many neighbors watching what happens to this corridor.
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To those of you who were elected to decide this:

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and the systemic changes it will produce, are under a “Longer Term” heading. Change the heading. Do not endorse a commitment to “Longer Term.”

Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don't.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

There is no weekend traffic enforcement on this corridor. That is the gap. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — Then make it binding. Weekend coverage belongs in the contract, not in goodwill. The money is already committed. Only the schedule is in question. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

Publish the corridor's problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans's intended treatment

and decision timeline. Another workshop would be the wrong answer. The community has already supplied the evidence, repeatedly. Let the agency propose and the public respond, not the other way round. That is what every other kind of planning does. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

I am asking you to change one word, fix one schedule, and require one published process.

With thanks, Jeff Bennett

I'm one of the many neighbors watching what happens to this corridor.
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To the elected officials with authority over Highways 35, 84 and 9:

Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones.

If Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations reach you for endorsement, please read them first. Signing them makes a weak document the de facto standard for Highways 35, 84 and 9. My three asks are below.

ASK 1 — Strike "Longer Term." The answer is NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and the systemic changes it will produce, are under a "Longer Term" heading. Change the heading. Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don't.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — Make the request now, under the existing contract. There is no weekday clause to renegotiate. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. Both steps are about days, not dollars. And to the Sheriff's Office: please help these towns roster weekend coverage, and accept it as an obligation going forward.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: no more feedback meetings. Publish a process.

Publish a section-by-section statement of intent for this corridor — what is planned, what is refused, the reasoning, and the timing. Another workshop would be the wrong answer. The community has already supplied the evidence, repeatedly. Hand the community a plan to critique. That is a real consultation; the alternative is theatre. Please include, for each item, who at Caltrans is responsible and when they will have answered.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

Gratefully,

I'm writing as one of the neighbors organizing for a safe corridor on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.
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Not

Thank you

To the electeds who will be asked to put their name to this:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now.

Three asks:

ASK 1 — Refuse the “Longer Term” heading. It has to read NOW.

What this corridor needs is the safety review and the systemic changes that come from it. Both are labelled “Longer Term.” Not sooner. Not prioritised. NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don't.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — Then make it binding. Weekend coverage belongs in the contract, not in goodwill. Please don't let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish intentions, process and timelines for each segment. Publish the corridor's problem sections and, against each one, Caltrans's intended treatment and decision timeline. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Give us a draft to argue with. That is a far better use of everyone's time than another evening of testimony. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

“Longer Term” must be NOW, the weekend must be covered, and Caltrans must publish a real process. None of it waits on money.

Respectfully,

I'm part of the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

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To the elected officials on this list:

I have already written to you asking that Highways 35, 84 and 9 be made a safe corridor. That ask stands. I am writing to add two that are immediate.

Endorsements are being gathered for Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Understand what an endorsement does: it codifies these as the agreed plan, and everything after it is judged against this baseline. The baseline is weak. Please read it, and consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Strike "Longer Term." The answer is NOW.

A safety review, and every structural change that follows it, have been assigned to "Longer Term." That is a choice, and it is the wrong one. I am asking for the label to change, not for reassurance about it. NOW. This crash record cannot be answered on a deferred schedule. Please don't lend your name to one.

ASK 2 — Weekend enforcement, first by request and then by amendment.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff's traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. And to the Sheriff: this needs your agreement on both counts. Please give it.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish a defined, accountable process for each problem section.

Publish the intentions and the process — per section, with reasoning and dates — for SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9. We do not need another listening session. We have had them. Nothing on the pavement is different afterwards. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. Each section needs an owner and a deadline, published, so this can be followed up rather than forgotten.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

In earnest,

This comes from one of the people working on the Safe Corridor Initiative (Hwy 35/84/9).

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

Please work to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 safe corridors. Our Western Wheelers bike club lost a member, Jakub Solovsky, on July 11 when a driver speeding on Skyline hit him head-on. In Jakub's memory, I have three immediate requests.

Before you endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations, please read them. Endorsement is not a formality — it fixes these as the reference document for this corridor, and it will be cited back to us for years. They fall far short. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Delete “Longer Term.” Write NOW.

What this corridor needs is the safety review and the systemic changes that come from it. Both are labelled “Longer Term.” I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don’t endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement.

Woodside’s contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it.

2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. This is not a budget request. It is a scheduling decision, then a contractual one. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now and accept the obligation at amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish a defined, accountable process for each problem section.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. Do not convert this into another round of public comment. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section.

What we cannot engage with is silence. Please include, for each item, who at Caltrans is responsible and when they will have answered.

Three asks, none of them expensive, and a document about to be endorsed that would make all three harder.

With thanks, and in memory of Jakub,

Adrienne Harber

Western Wheeler cyclist

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To the elected officials on this list:

You have already heard from me about making Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. Everything in that ask still stands — I am adding two immediate ones.

Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Change "Longer Term" to NOW.

The Caltrans safety review and the systemic changes it will require are sitting under "Longer Term." Nothing else in the report matters as much as that heading. Please don't accept a stronger commitment to "Longer Term." Insist the section be retitled NOW. Twenty-six people have died on this corridor in five years. That record does not support a deferred heading, and no elected official should endorse one.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement. Request it now, then require it.

The two towns on this corridor have no sheriff's traffic coverage at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. The money is already committed. Only the schedule is in question. Sheriff's Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

Do these and this corridor changes. Do none and a weak document becomes the answer for years.

Yours sincerely,

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I'm part of the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

I'm writing as a neighbor on the Hwy 35/84/9 corridor and friend to two cyclists who have been killed on those roads in the past three years due to cars driving recklessly.

I wrote to you already about designating and funding a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. Nothing has changed. I am adding two asks that cannot wait.

It has come to my attention that you may be about to endorse Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Please read them before you do. Once they are endorsed they become the de facto plan for this corridor, and every future request gets measured against them — so a weak document becomes the ceiling. They fall far short of what we need. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a "Longer Term" timeline. Make it NOW.

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under "Longer Term." That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. The fix is one word. Replace "Longer Term" with NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — Then lock it in by amendment. Anything discretionary drifts back to weekdays. The money is already committed. Only the schedule is in question. To the Sheriff: please confirm to both towns that weekend rostering is available, and that you would accept it as a contract term.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: put your plan in writing, section by section, with dates.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. No more open houses. Meetings where residents provide the input and the agency incorporates none of it are worse than nothing; they consume the very people who keep showing up. Put a proposal in front of us. We have supplied the data for three years; it is Caltrans's turn to supply a plan. Without a named decision-maker and a date, none of this is auditable — and unauditable plans do not get built.

In summary, Strike "Longer Term," cover Saturday and Sunday, and publish the process. Please don't let a weak plan be signed first.

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To every elected official copied here:

I wrote to you already about designating and funding a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. Nothing has changed. I am adding two asks that cannot wait.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Refuse the “Longer Term” heading. It has to read NOW.

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under “Longer Term.” That single label is what is wrong with this document. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don’t endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

Traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley skips the weekend entirely. So does nothing else about this corridor.

2a — Request the change under the agreement as it stands. It funds the positions; it does not dictate the days. 2b — Then amend it, this year, so weekend coverage survives turnover and budget cycles. Please don’t let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. Sheriff’s Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: no more feedback meetings. Publish a process.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. Another workshop would be the wrong answer. The community has already supplied the evidence, repeatedly. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Without a named decision-maker and a date, none of this is auditable — and unauditable plans do not get built.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

With appreciation,

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I’m a constituent following the Safe Corridor Initiative on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

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To every elected official copied here:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as two things that need to happen NOW.

If Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations reach you for endorsement, please read them first. Signing them makes a weak document the de facto standard for Highways 35, 84 and 9. My three asks are below.

ASK 1 — "Longer Term" must be NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and the systemic changes it will produce, are under a "Longer Term" heading. Change the heading. This is not a request to prioritise "Longer Term." It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff's traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. Please don't let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: no more feedback meetings. Publish a process.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. We will read whatever you publish and respond in detail. Please stop asking us to originate it. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

Gratefully,

I'm one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

Everything we've documented on this corridor:

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To those of you who were elected to decide this:

I wrote to you already about designating and funding a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. Nothing has changed. I am adding two asks that cannot wait.

Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a "Longer Term" timeline. Make it NOW.

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under "Longer Term." That single label is what is wrong with this document. I am asking for the label to change, not for reassurance about it. NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley is effectively absent, on precisely the two days the corridor is most dangerous. 2a — Request weekend coverage this month, under the existing agreement. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. No new funding is needed for either step. And Sheriff — please don't let the answer be that it costs more.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish a defined, accountable process for each problem section.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Hand the community a plan to critique. That is a real consultation; the alternative is theatre. Please include, for each item, who at Caltrans is responsible and when they will have answered.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

Thank you,

I'm one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways.
Everything we've documented on this corridor: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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This is addressed to the elected officials.

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

Before you endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations, please read them. Endorsement is not a formality — it fixes these as the reference document for this corridor, and it will be cited back to us for years. They fall far short. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Strike “Longer Term.” The answer is NOW.

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under “Longer Term.” That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Twenty-six people have died on this corridor in five years. That record does not support a deferred heading, and no elected official should endorse one.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

Traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley skips the weekend entirely. So does nothing else about this corridor. 2a — Put the request in writing to the Sheriff now. No amendment, no renegotiation, no new appropriation. 2b — Then write it into the contract. Weekend traffic coverage should be a stated requirement of the roster. There is no new appropriation in either step. To the Sheriff’s Office: please grant the redeployment, and help these towns write it into their agreements.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

Publish your intentions and your decision process for each problematic section of SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9: what you intend to do, what you have already ruled out, on what basis, and by when. Not another feedback meeting. Those fill a room with people describing the same deaths to staff who take notes, and nothing in the road changes. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. Name the office accountable for each section and the date its determination is due. A process without a name and a date is not a process.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

Sincerely,
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I'm among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.
The whole case, with sources: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To those of you who were elected to decide this:

I asked you once already to make Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. I am asking again, and adding two immediate requests.

You may shortly be asked to endorse the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. If they are signed as written, they become the settled answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9 — the document everyone points to for years. That is why this matters now. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Replace “Longer Term” with NOW before you endorse anything. The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked “Longer Term.” That heading is the whole problem. I am not asking you to commit to “Longer Term” work. I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW. Twenty-six people have died on this corridor in five years. That record does not support a deferred heading, and no elected official should endorse one.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying. There is no sheriff's traffic coverage in Woodside or Portola Valley on Saturday or Sunday. That is when this corridor is used as a racetrack. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. No new funding is needed for either step. To the Sheriff:

please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish the process. We will respond to it. State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. This is not a request for more outreach. Outreach has happened. What has never been published is what Caltrans actually intends to do. Hand the community a plan to critique. That is a real consultation; the alternative is theatre. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

In hope,

I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I'm following up. The whole case, with sources: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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I've added my name to the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9. The petition, crash data, map, and every proposed fix:
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To the elected council members, supervisors and legislators on this list, I am writing about making Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor.

I gather the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are coming to you for support. Once endorsed, they harden into the corridor's official plan and set the ceiling on what anyone asks for next. That ceiling is too low. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — The label is the problem. Change "Longer Term" to NOW.

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under "Longer Term." That single label is what is wrong with this document. The fix is one word. Replace "Longer Term" with NOW. Please make your endorsement conditional on that one change.

ASK 2 — Weekend traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley.

Traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley skips the weekend entirely. So does nothing else about this corridor. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — Immediately after, amend the contract to guarantee it. Neither step requires a new appropriation. The positions are already paid for. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. Publish something we can answer. We will respond in writing, on the record, and quickly — but you have to go first. Publish owners and dates. That is the difference between a plan and a sentiment.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

We can do better, and if we don't, more people will die from traffic violence!

Thank you,

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To those of you who were elected to decide this:

I wrote to you already about designating and funding a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. Nothing has changed. I am adding two asks that cannot wait.

It has come to my attention that you may be about to endorse Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations. Please read them before you do. Once they are endorsed they become the de facto plan for

this corridor, and every future request gets measured against them — so a weak document becomes the ceiling. They fall far short of what we need. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Strike “Longer Term.” The answer is NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked “Longer Term.” That heading is the whole problem. The fix is one word. Replace “Longer Term” with NOW. Endorse it only once it reads NOW.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff’s traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — Ask the Sheriff for weekend traffic coverage now, under the contract that already exists. Nothing in Woodside’s agreement specifies days of the week, so this needs a decision, not an amendment. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. Please don’t let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: no more feedback meetings. Publish a process.

State publicly, for each dangerous section, what Caltrans intends and what process will produce the decision. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. Please include, for each item, who at Caltrans is responsible and when they will have answered.

Three asks, none of them expensive, and a document about to be endorsed that would make all three harder.

Gratefully,

Jerome Leugers — Atherton

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I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I’m following up.

The crash record, the map, and the fixes we’re asking for:

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From the base of Woodside Road to and through the intersection of Highways 84 & 35, the general 35 MPH speed limit signs have been vandalized or simply fallen down and remain unrepaired. Obviously, this is a problem but it also reflects a larger pattern of neglect regarding the management and enforcement of traffic through our challenging mountain roads. And yet, these are California State Highways as to which there is an enormous taxpayer budget for engineering safety, maintenance and repair. If the resources to fix the problems are readily available, how then can a single death be tolerated? These deaths happened on your watch. You need to act now.

With urgency,
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My name is on the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9.
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My property borders HWY 35/Skyline Blvd, Caltrans yard, and easement for the Woodside Horse Trail. Racing, speeding, and distracted drivers leading to death, catastrophic injuries, and accidents to pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians, tourists, motorcyclists, and cars. This issue touches everyone who lives up here, works here, tourists, and people who recreates up here. It's a rare day we do not hear emergency sirens. The road closures due to accidents is a regular occurrence for those of us who drive these roads. Some accidents are so bad the road is closed for hours and police have to monitor detours. The noise from speeding vehicles is so loud we can no longer hear each other talk, phone calls, or online meetings and this is from inside the house let alone outside. This is a huge problem. Police presence has been best in the

past, but this is pulled back after some weeks have slowed the regular offenders from racing up here. We need a long term solution and need the cooperation of all public agencies to get these solutions in action.

With urgency,
Marya Keeth — Woodside
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I'm among the residents who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these three highways.

The whole case, with sources:

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Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Change "Longer Term" to NOW.

The one section that could change outcomes here — the safety review and everything downstream of it — is marked "Longer Term." I am not asking you to commit to "Longer Term" work. I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don't endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Traffic enforcement on the days people are dying.

No deputy works traffic in Woodside or Portola Valley on a Saturday. The panel's own report says weekends and holidays are when the problem is worst. 2a — Both towns should write to the Sheriff this month asking for weekend traffic coverage under their current agreements. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. This is not a budget request. It is a scheduling decision, then a contractual one. And to the Sheriff: this needs your agreement on both counts. Please give it.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish a defined, accountable process for each problem section.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which Caltrans will commit. Do not convert this into another round of public comment. That is how the last several years disappeared. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

The label has to read NOW, the weekend has to be covered, and Caltrans has to publish what it intends. That is the whole ask.

With urgency,
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This comes from one of the people working on the Safe Corridor Initiative (Hwy 35/84/9).

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

This is a follow-up to the safe-corridor ask I sent you. That request is unchanged; these two are urgent additions.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — “Longer Term” must be NOW.

The report places the safety review and the systemic work behind it under “Longer Term.” That heading is doing more damage than anything else in the document. I am not asking you to commit to “Longer Term” work. I am asking you to change the words. It must read NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don’t.

ASK 2 — Get deputies on traffic at the weekend, and keep them there.

Traffic enforcement in Woodside and Portola Valley skips the weekend entirely. So does nothing else about this corridor. 2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — Then make it binding. Weekend coverage belongs in the contract, not in goodwill. No new funding is needed for either step. And to the Sheriff’s Office: please help these towns roster weekend coverage, and accept it as an obligation going forward.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish a defined, accountable process for each problem section.

Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which

Caltrans will commit. Another workshop would be the wrong answer. The community has already supplied the evidence, repeatedly. The community should be reacting to your document, not writing your document for you. Say who owns each determination and when it lands, so the community can hold the schedule.

The label has to read NOW, the weekend has to be covered, and Caltrans has to publish what it intends. That is the whole ask.

Sincerely,

I'm one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways.
Everything we've documented on this corridor: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To those of you who were elected to decide this:

While I was not a part of the first ask, I agree with it — a safe corridor on Highways 35, 84 and 9. I want to add two immediate asks to it.

I gather the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are coming to you for support. Once endorsed, they harden into the corridor’s official plan and set the ceiling on what anyone asks for next. That ceiling is too low. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Move the safety review and everything after it to NOW.

A safety review, and every structural change that follows it, have been assigned to “Longer Term.” That is a choice, and it is the wrong one. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. Please say plainly that you will not sign a document that defers this.

ASK 2 — Put sheriff’s traffic deputies on Saturday and Sunday.

The weekend is unenforced in both towns, and the weekend is when people are dying. 2a — Ask the Sheriff for weekend traffic coverage now, under the contract that already exists. Nothing in Woodside’s agreement specifies days of the week, so this needs a decision, not an amendment. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it. For every location on this corridor with a fatality record, publish what Caltrans plans to do about it and how that decision gets made. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Attach a responsible engineer and a due date to every section, so the commitment can be checked later.

None of these should wait for another fatality, and none substitutes for the others.

Respectfully,
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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

This is a follow-up to the safe-corridor ask I sent you. That request is unchanged; these two are urgent additions.

If Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations reach you for endorsement, please read them first. Signing them makes a weak document the de facto standard for Highways 35, 84 and 9. My three asks are below.

ASK 1 — Refuse the "Longer Term" heading. It has to read NOW.

The Caltrans safety review, and every systemic change that comes out of it, sit under a heading marked "Longer Term." That heading is the whole problem. Do not endorse a commitment to "Longer Term." Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. A deferred heading is a decision with a body count. Please refuse it.

ASK 2 — Saturday and Sunday traffic enforcement, made permanent.

The two towns on this corridor have no sheriff's traffic coverage at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. There is no new appropriation in either step. Sheriff — you can approve the schedule change now, and accept the obligation at amendment.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. No more open houses. Meetings where residents provide the input and the agency incorporates none of it are worse than nothing; they consume the very people who keep showing up. Publish something we can answer. We will respond in writing, on the record, and quickly — but you have to go first. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

Please don't endorse a deferred timeline, don't leave the weekend unenforced, and don't accept another feedback meeting in place of a plan.

Gratefully,

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I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I'm following up.

The record and the asks, in one place:

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To the elected officials on this list:

You have my earlier letter on this corridor. Please treat this as an addition to it — two things that need to happen NOW.

I am told the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel report is being taken around for signatures. What is really being decided is whether this becomes the corridor's working plan. As written, it should not. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — NOW, not “Longer Term.”

Everything that would actually change this corridor — the safety review and the systemic changes it produces — carries a “Longer Term” label. The label is the failure. I am asking you to strike two words and write one: NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please don’t.

ASK 2 — Weekend enforcement, first by request and then by amendment.

No deputy works traffic in Woodside or Portola Valley on a Saturday. The panel’s own report says weekends and holidays are when the problem is worst. 2a — Request it immediately under the current agreement. Woodside’s contract names no day of the week; weekend rostering is available today if the Sheriff agrees to schedule it. 2b — Follow it with an amendment obligating weekend traffic coverage as part of the rostering. This costs nothing beyond what the towns already spend. Sheriff’s Office — neither town can deliver either step without you.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: tell us what you intend to do, and how you will decide it.

Put it in writing, section by section: the treatment Caltrans intends, the alternatives considered and rejected, the criteria used, and the schedule. Please do not schedule a feedback session in place of this. We have done our part of that exchange many times over. Reverse the direction. Right now residents bring the evidence and the agency receives it; publish a proposal and let us react to that. Without a named decision-maker and a date, none of this is auditable — and unauditable plans do not get built.

Three asks, none of them expensive, and a document about to be endorsed that would make all three harder.

Sincerely,

I’m among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.

Everything behind this — the data, the map, the specific fixes:

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To the electeds who will be asked to put their name to this:

You have already heard from me about making Highways 35, 84 and 9 a safe corridor. Everything in that ask still stands — I am adding two immediate ones.

Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations are circulating for endorsement. A weak set of recommendations is about to be codified as the de facto plan for this corridor unless someone objects now. Please read them, and consider the following three asks:

ASK 1 — Change "Longer Term" to NOW.

The one section that could change outcomes here — the safety review and everything downstream of it — is marked "Longer Term." Do not endorse a commitment to "Longer Term." Endorse a change to the label itself: NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don't endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — Weekend coverage: ask for it today, then write it into the contract.

Woodside and Portola Valley get sheriff's traffic enforcement on the days the corridor is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from each town for weekend traffic rostering under the current contract. 2b — And require it in writing. The request gets deputies out this month; the amendment keeps them there. Neither step asks for more hours or more money. It is a question of which days the funded positions work. To the Sheriff: please confirm to both towns that weekend rostering is available, and that you would accept it as a contract term.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to. Publish your intentions and your decision process for each problematic section of SR-35, SR-84 and SR-9: what you intend to do, what you have already ruled out, on what basis, and by when. Do not convert this into another round of public comment. That is how the last several years disappeared. Publish it and we will engage with it seriously, section by section. What we cannot engage with is silence. Without a named decision-maker and a date, none of this is auditable — and unauditable plans do not get built.

Change the label to NOW, fix the weekend roster, and make Caltrans put its intentions in writing. Please act on all three.

With appreciation,
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I'm a constituent following the Safe Corridor Initiative on Hwy 35, 84 and 9.
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This is addressed to the elected officials.

I have already written to you asking that Highways 35, 84 and 9 be made a safe corridor. That ask stands. I am writing to add two that are immediate.

You may already have the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations in front of you. Please read them carefully — an endorsement converts them into the de facto plan, and a weak plan endorsed is harder to move than no plan at all. Three asks:

ASK 1 — Do not endorse a “Longer Term” timeline. Make it NOW.

The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under “Longer Term.” That single label is what is wrong with this document. This is not a request to prioritise “Longer Term.” It is a request to stop calling it that. NOW. The people who died here were not on a long-term schedule. Neither should the response be.

ASK 2 — Move the traffic hours to the weekend, and lock it in.

Saturday and Sunday go unenforced in both towns. 2a — Ask now, under the contract you already have. 2b — And begin the amendment now. Woodside's contract runs to June 30, 2030. There is no new appropriation in either step. Sheriff — please say yes to the request now, and be a willing party to the amendment.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: publish your intentions and your process, section by section.

For each problem section on 35, 84 and 9, publish what Caltrans intends to do, what it has ruled out and why, and the date attached to each determination. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Let the agency propose and the public respond, not the other way round. That is what every other kind of planning does. Assign it and date it, or it will read as sympathy rather than intent.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

In hope,

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Dear street safety decision makers,

I hope you will take a minute to read the attached article in today's NYTimes. It details how more elderly Americans are walking. Sadly, when they are hit by drivers, the consequences are more likely to be fatal than those involving younger pedestrians.

Please make our streets safer, especially for elderly residents trying to stay healthy by walking.

Mike Swire

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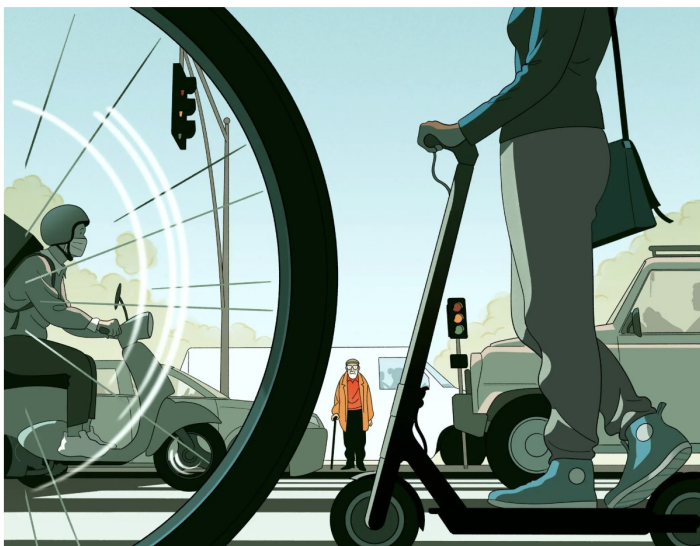
Why Older Pedestrians Fare Worse in Car Crashes

They are more likely than other age groups to die after being hit by a vehicle.

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By [Paula Span](#)

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On an August morning two years ago, Meredith Melville was crossing Piedmont Avenue in Oakland, Calif., to meet a friend at a cafe. While in the crosswalk, she noticed a car some distance away.

Perhaps she misjudged its speed, she said, because she'd walked only partway across the street when the car, a Toyota sedan, came bearing down on her.

“She should have seen me,” Ms. Melville said of the driver. “All of a sudden she was there, and I didn’t have any way to get out of her way. I flew I don’t know how many feet.”

Passers-by came to help; the police and an ambulance arrived. Soon Ms. Melville, a retired teacher, was at a hospital being treated for multiple fractures. Surgeons replaced her right hip and repaired her broken right elbow. She would probably need a knee replacement soon, too, doctors advised.

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After a week’s hospitalization and a month in rehabilitation, Ms. Melville, then 73, went home in a wheelchair. Physical therapists helped her gradually progress to a walker and then a cane, but “it was a long process,” she said.

She still contends with back and knee pain, and hasn’t been able to resume the hiking and backpacking she loved.

Still, when people say she’s lucky, Ms. Melville agrees. “It could have been a lot worse,” she said.

It often is.

Older pedestrians, like Ms. Melville, aren’t injured by motor vehicles at a greater rate than younger ones, according to [2023 data](#) from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But they’re more likely to die. The death rate for pedestrians over 65 is higher than the average for all ages. Nearly 8,200 pedestrians 65 or older were injured that year — likely an undercount because not all serious crashes and injuries show up in police reports. More than 1,500 died. And the picture is not improving.

Researchers point out that older pedestrians remain more vulnerable to collisions. “They move through intersections at a slower pace,” said Andrew Rundle, an epidemiologist at Columbia University. Impaired hearing or vision can make them less apt to notice approaching vehicles or respond to traffic signals. And because reaction time slows with age, they’re less able to evade a car that’s turning, speeding or ignoring a signal.

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Physically, they “have greater frailty, loss of muscle mass and fragile bones,” Dr. Rundle added.

As a result, “the consequences of injuries are stratospherically different the older you get,” said Charles DiMaggio, an injury epidemiologist at the New York University Grossman School of Medicine. “A hip fracture in a 45-year-old is unfortunate. In a 75-year-old, it’s tragic.”

Moreover, after a marked decline in pedestrian deaths among all age groups from 1975 to the mid 2000s, progress for the older population has stalled for nearly 20 years.

[Data from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#) shows that from about 2008 through 2024, the fatality rate for pedestrians 70 or older was not only higher than the average for all ages but “has stayed stubbornly flat,” Dr. Rundle said.

One factor could be exposure: Older adults appear increasingly likely to be outdoors on foot. The [National Health and Aging Trends Study](#) shows that the proportion who report walking for exercise climbed to 65 percent in 2023 from 60 percent in 2011. “And we encourage them to, because quality of life includes daily physical activity,” said Stephen Mooney, an injury epidemiologist at the University of Washington.

Further, the increasing popularity of large S.U.V.s and trucks means “the vehicles on the road have become more dangerous” compared to traditional sedans, Dr. Rundle said. In June, [a New York Times investigation](#) documented the way their taller hoods and larger blind zones contributed to rising fatalities.

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The latest threat: explosive growth in the use of e-bikes. That’s a generic term often used to refer not only to motor-assisted bicycles that, with pedaling, can reach 28 miles per hour but also to heavier, faster and therefore more dangerous bikes akin to motorcycles. The industry has dubbed those e-motos.

“E-motos need to be regulated like motor vehicles,” said Noah Miterko of the trade association PeopleforBikes, noting that states and cities are [taking steps to police their sale and use](#). From 2019 to 2022, the rate of [e-bike injuries increased](#) by nearly 300 percent, according to an analysis of emergency room data published in the American Journal of Public Health.

The “micromobility” phenomenon, or the uptick in the use of motorized two-wheeled vehicles, is so recent that researchers lack national data on its risks to pedestrians. In New York City, for instance, pedestrians remain far more likely to be hurt or die in encounters with cars, trucks or vans. Last year, the [city recorded 112 pedestrian deaths](#), of which 105 involved motor vehicles.

But “my clinical colleagues are sounding the alarm,” Dr. DiMaggio said. “Emergency departments and trauma teams are saying we need to pay more attention” to e-bike injuries.

One often overlooked [factor in pedestrian deaths: alcohol](#). Among adult pedestrians killed in nighttime crashes, about a third had blood alcohol levels indicating intoxication; so did about 20 percent of those killed during the day. Public health officials have cautioned for years that [older adults are drinking more](#), and more often.

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“It’s almost a blind spot,” Dr. Rundle said. “We talk about drunk drivers a lot” but less about inebriated pedestrians.

Nevertheless, crashes that cause injury and death are preventable, said Laura Sandt, co-director of the Highway Safety Research Center at the University of North Carolina. Federal and local government policies have evolved since the era when pedestrian fatalities “seemed just part of the business of driving,” she said.

More than 200 municipalities have adopted [the Vision Zero approach](#), for instance, a public health focus on programs and environments that increase traffic safety for all ages. Changes that can save lives involve improved street design (pedestrian islands, crosswalks, lighting and bumped-out curbs making street-crossers more visible), safer signal timing (giving pedestrians a head start over turning cars) and lowered speed limits.

A recent [study of where older pedestrians die in collisions](#) found that the risk was substantially greater in places with a high density of walkable senior destinations, like hospitals and health facilities, pharmacies, and senior and community centers. That suggests the possibility of traffic strategies targeting such neighborhoods, analogous to child [safety efforts focused on schools](#) and their surroundings.

Traffic safety “shouldn’t rely on a pedestrian’s noticing a car coming and jumping out of the way,” said Dr. Mooney, one of the authors of the study. “Our job is to make the system safer for all ages and capacities.”

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Ms. Melville, who was unable to leap out of danger, is “out and about now,” she said. “I’m not where I was, and I don’t know if I ever will be, but I can function. I’m leading a normal life.”

She still mourns her hikes in Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park and Point Reyes National Seashore, she said, but “I’m going to get there.”

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