



SMCTA Board of Directors
Meeting of November 5, 2026

Correspondence as of October 16, 2026

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| 3. | From a resident — be in the room on Oct 20 — and three things before it |
| 4. | Becker/Berman — on Oct 20 we will ask you to commit to this bill for Hwy 35, 84 and 9 |
| 5. | Another point of view re the Meeting at 4 corners on October 20 regarding "safety" |

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A single message with the whole ask, rather than four separate ones.

On Tuesday, October 20, 6–7:30pm, at The Mountain Terrace at Four Corners, Caltrans, the CHP, the Sheriff’s Office, Supervisor Mueller, Senator Becker and Assemblymember Berman are all expected in one room to answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9. Public and hybrid. In five years of reported collisions these roads produced 854 collisions, 26 deaths and 1,106 people hurt or killed. The twelve months to March 2026 were the worst on record. Two cyclists have been killed since — one at Four Corners in August 2025, one five miles south on Skyline in July 2026.

Four things, before and on the 20th

1 — Make the invitation visible. The families of the people killed here have never been invited to a single meeting about this corridor. We will not approach them directly; we are asking instead that the date and the open invitation appear somewhere a family could come

across them. 2 — Send someone from parks and open space. A large share of the people on foot here are park and preserve visitors, parked on the shoulder and crossing live traffic to reach a trailhead. Midpen, County Parks and State Parks should be in the room asking Caltrans for marked crossings at the trailheads and continuous roadside trail along the ridge. 3 — Commit to the bill. The speed-camera legislation for this corridor is already drafted, modelled line-for-line on SB 1297 — the law passed after the four Pepperdine students were killed, which went from crash to chaptered in 346 days. It names eight sites, each placed mid-straightaway where speed accumulates. It needs an author and a date. 4 — Turn up on the 20th and say which of the above you will do. The input has already been gathered, more than once.

If only one of these is yours, do that one. All of them are overdue.

With urgency,

I'm one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9. Everything we have documented on this corridor: https://safecorridorinitiative.com/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sendall

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Four asks in one message — act on whichever is yours.

Tue Oct 20, 6–7:30pm, Mountain Terrace, Four Corners: the one evening this year when everyone responsible for this corridor is in the same room. The five-year record: 854 collisions, 26 deaths, 1,106 people hurt or killed, with the twelve months to March 2026 the worst of them. Two cyclists have died since.

What we are asking, of whoever it applies to

1 — Carry the open invitation. Nobody has ever invited the families of the people killed on these roads to any of this. Twenty-four of the dead were named in reporting; the rest were never named at all. We are not approaching them and would decline an introduction — the ask is only that the October 20 invitation is visible somewhere they might find it. 2 — Send someone from parks and open space. A large share of the people on foot here are park and preserve visitors, parked on the shoulder and crossing live traffic to reach a trailhead. Midpen, County Parks and State Parks should be in the room asking Caltrans for marked crossings at the trailheads and continuous roadside trail along the ridge. 3 — Commit to the bill. The speed-camera legislation for this corridor is already drafted, modelled line-for-line on SB 1297 — the law passed after the four Pepperdine students were killed, which went from crash to chaptered in 346 days. It names eight sites, each placed mid-straightaway where speed accumulates. It needs an author and a date. 4 — Be in the room on October 20, and come with an answer rather than a listening posture. This community has supplied the input several times over.

Take the part that belongs to you and act on it before the 20th. None of this needs another study.

Thank you, Craig

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

The data, the map, the bill and the invitation:

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Everything we are asking anyone for, in one place.

The October 20 meeting — 6pm at The Mountain Terrace, Four Corners — puts Caltrans, the CHP, the Sheriff's Office and our state legislators in front of this community at once.

Five years: 854 collisions, 26 deaths, 1,106 people hurt or killed. It is still getting worse, not better.

What we are asking, of whoever it applies to:

1 — Carry the open invitation. Nobody has ever invited the families of the people killed on these roads to any of this. Twenty-four of the dead were named in reporting; the rest were never named at all. We are not approaching them and would decline an introduction — the ask is only that the October 20 invitation is visible somewhere they

might find it.

2 — Parks and open space should be at the table. Their visitors are the pedestrians in this corridor. The two asks to put on the record are crossings at the trailheads and a roadside trail that connects them, so nobody has to use the traffic lane as a footpath.

3 — Carry the drafted bill. We wrote the speed-camera legislation ourselves rather than ask and wait. It is modelled on SB 1297, which took 346 days from crash to chaptered law. Senator Becker and Assemblymember Berman will be asked on the 20th to name a date.

4 — Be in the room on October 20, and come with an answer rather than a listening posture. This community has supplied the input several times over.

Act on whichever applies to your office. The record above is the whole argument.

Gratefully,

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

The full crash record and every proposed fix: https://safecorridorinitiative.com/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sendall

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To our state legislators, ahead of October 20:

We want you to hear this before the meeting rather than during it. You are both listed as attending the community traffic meeting at Mountain Terrace at Four Corners on Tuesday, October 20, 6 to 7:30pm. We intend to ask you there for a public commitment to carry the speed-camera bill for this corridor, and for a timeline.

Two of your colleagues have already shown what this looks like when it is treated as urgent. Allen and Irwin took the Pepperdine crash of October 2023 to a signed speed-camera law in under twelve months.

Allen and Irwin had to draft their bill. You do not. Ours is written, published, and formatted as a Senate bill as introduced — the bill number, the date and the author are the only blanks on the face page. A companion document lists every placeholder and every source.

The bill takes nothing new. It extends the same pilot the Legislature has already granted to seven jurisdictions, one of them on a Caltrans state highway, and it carries every safeguard across intact: citations only at 11 mph or more over, a 60-day warning-only period, a civil penalty with no DMV points and no report to insurers, an 80 percent reduction for indigent recipients, rear plate only, images destroyed in five business days if no citation issues, and a flat ban on facial recognition.

This is a fraction of what it would cost to hold this corridor by patrol alone, and unlike patrol it does not evaporate when a budget cycle turns. The bill also closes the obvious objection about revenue: costs are recovered first, the surplus is restricted to traffic-calming on the route it came from, and anything unspent within three years goes to the Active Transportation Program. The deeper problem is not any single driver — it is that this corridor has a reputation as a racetrack, and that reputation is what draws people to it. Intermittent patrol cannot touch that; everyone knows when and where to expect it. Continuous enforcement can. A road that is always watched stops being marketable as a place to open it up, and that is the change we are actually asking for.

Fourteen months ago a cyclist was killed at Four Corners. Three months ago another was killed five miles south. The last twelve months were the worst on record for collisions on this corridor. That is the clock we are measuring against.

So this is what we will ask on October 20, and what we are asking now: will you introduce this bill, and when? If something in it has to change first, say what. If the shorter route — amending the existing statute — is easier to carry, say so and we will back that instead. What we need from the meeting is an answer, not another presentation.

We are not precious about the text. We are serious about the road, and about October 20.

Gratefully,
Ann McCarty — Mountain View

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

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Dear State and Local Legislators and other parties of interest (apologies if you were unintentionally captured in the recipient list, which was provided by the group which is the subject of this email):

I'm opposed to the fear mongering and ludicrous request for speed cameras and other control measures on our local highways being promulgated by the "Safe Corridor Initiative". This self-appointed group does not speak for anyone other than themselves. Our highways 35 and 84 are sufficiently safe as can be expected for mountain terrain, and they are not in any need of further action that would reduce their appeal, utility, and convenience in the endless quest for increased safety.

In particular: We NEED straightaways on highway 35 in order to allow vehicles to pass slower vehicles. This is not just a matter of public convenience and quality of life but also public safety. Our local traffic is infused with heavy trucks (including log carriers and chipper trailers) and less-capable drivers (to put it politely) traveling significantly below the stated speed limit. Passing lanes exist for a reason: to allow relief from being stuck behind a slow driver for long distances. The average journey originating or terminating in the Kings Mountain area follows a single-lane road for 10 miles before reaching any opportunity for passing (at the junction of 92 / 280, 92 / 1, or 84 / 280). We need MORE straightaways with passing opportunities up here, not less.

I personally do not want to live in an environment where drivers live in fear of speed cameras at every turn. I already essentially refuse to drive into San Francisco anymore due to their

overzealous introduction of speed cameras, which do nothing for the alleged goal of increased safety but instead disincentivize area visitors and, surprisingly, brings in a whole new revenue stream for the local politicians to fritter away on popular but useless pet projects. But public policy should be predicated on what's best for the long-term interests of the community, not on what wins the popular vote for the next election. This tragic short-term, selfish thinking by so many is what is causing America to fall behind other nations, who bravely and rapidly innovate and build their societies, while America instead succumbs to paralyzing fear and overregulation and is, for example, unable to build a single long distance train line.

Back to the immediate issue however: The appeal of Kings Mountain is exactly its wildness and rural nature that allows us to live free of all the trappings of urban life like traffic lights, nosy neighbors, a never-ending array of prohibitions, and the fear of prosecution and penalty at every moment. Every effort by do-gooders like this group whittles away at the unique forest environment we enjoy and reduces us into another overly-regulated, spirit- and identity-deprived, cookie-cutter suburb. People that run groups like this are driven by fear more than anything else, and they think that imposing new rules, regulations, and controls on OTHER people will somehow alleviate their fears. But there is no end to this quest, for it is not possible to eliminate all danger in life without eliminating life itself.

It's like that old saying: A society that would give up its freedom for safety deserves neither. For this simple reason, I implore you to reject any calls for the introduction of speed cameras and increased patrols or the elimination of passing lanes on highway 35 and adjoining roads. Keep our environment unique and enjoyable. Let the fraidy-cats move to Fremont if they seek layer upon layer of security and the blandness of life that comes with it.

Jonathan Miller