

Item 9 - Public Comment #1

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I am writing to strongly encourage the TAM Board of Commissioners to help Corte Madera accomplish a long-sought goal—the Casa Buena Complete Streets project. I have lived on Casa Buena for 41 years, raised my children here and been actively involved in many town committees through the decades. For years I have led the volunteers of Age-Friendly Corte Madera, a group dedicated to creating physical and social environments that support and enhance healthy and active aging, as well as an optimal quality of life for *all* Corte Madera residents.

I have worked tirelessly for many years to encourage the Town to improve the conditions along this freeway frontage road filled with multifamily housing—likely the most dense residential area in Corte Madera entirely lacking sidewalks and lighting. And I know the neighborhood has a large number of older adults right here, some needing mobility aids. We must improve the walkability of our street!

Too many times I've watched adults in the busy road walking two abreast, with an infant in a stroller, a toddler by the hand, and I hold my breath as they approach a blind hill not knowing if there is approaching traffic headed directly for them. And, in the evenings, the street is completely dark, the only light provided by vehicle headlights.

With the recent Project Homekey site (*The Casa Buena*), we are encouraging our new neighbors to enjoy the area, and that means even more pedestrians on our street. It is our duty to provide safe access for them to walk.

I hope TAM will act favorably on this request for assistance in creating a secure and pleasant walking (and cycling) route.

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