



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: City Administrator's Office

SUBJECT: Request From Councilmember Hotchkiss and Councilmember Francisco Regarding A Bicycle Survey Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider the request from Councilmember Hotchkiss and Councilmember Francisco regarding a presentation on a bicycle survey report.

DISCUSSION:

Attached is a memorandum from Councilmember Hotchkiss and Councilmember Francisco requesting that Council receive a report on the results of a survey conducted by Councilmember Hotchkiss. This informal survey, printed in several local media outlets, collected responses from more than 200 Santa Barbara residents regarding their preference for the Bicycle Master Plan.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum from Councilmember Hotchkiss and Councilmember Francisco

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Jennings, Administrator's Office Supervisor

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Casey, Acting City Administrator

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office



City of Santa Barbara
City Administrator's Office

Memorandum

DATE: October 3, 2014

TO: Paul Casey, Acting City Administrator

FROM: Councilmembers Hotchkiss & Francisco

SUBJECT: Bicycle Survey Report

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Pursuant to Council Resolution 05-073 regarding the Conduct of City Council Meetings, we request that an item be placed on the Santa Barbara City Council Agenda regarding the Bicycle Master Plan.

- Summary of information to be presented:
For a month this summer, more than 200 Santa Barbarans responded to a request by Councilmember Hotchkiss printed in several local media outlets regarding their preference for the Bicycle Master Plan.
- Statement of Specific Action:
Councilmembers Hotchkiss and Francisco would like to present the results of this informal survey to the Council and the public at large in the course of a City Council meeting. Their presentation will include a brief PowerPoint slide show. The presentation will be informal for the Council, public, and staff to suggest consideration of ways to best further bicycle safety and mobility, as well as automobile access, throughout our city.
- Statement of the Reasons Why it is Appropriate and Within the Jurisdiction of the Council to Consider this Subject Matter and to Take the Requested Action:
It is appropriate for the Council to learn public preferences for future design of our streets.

cc: Mayor and Council
City Attorney
Public Works Director



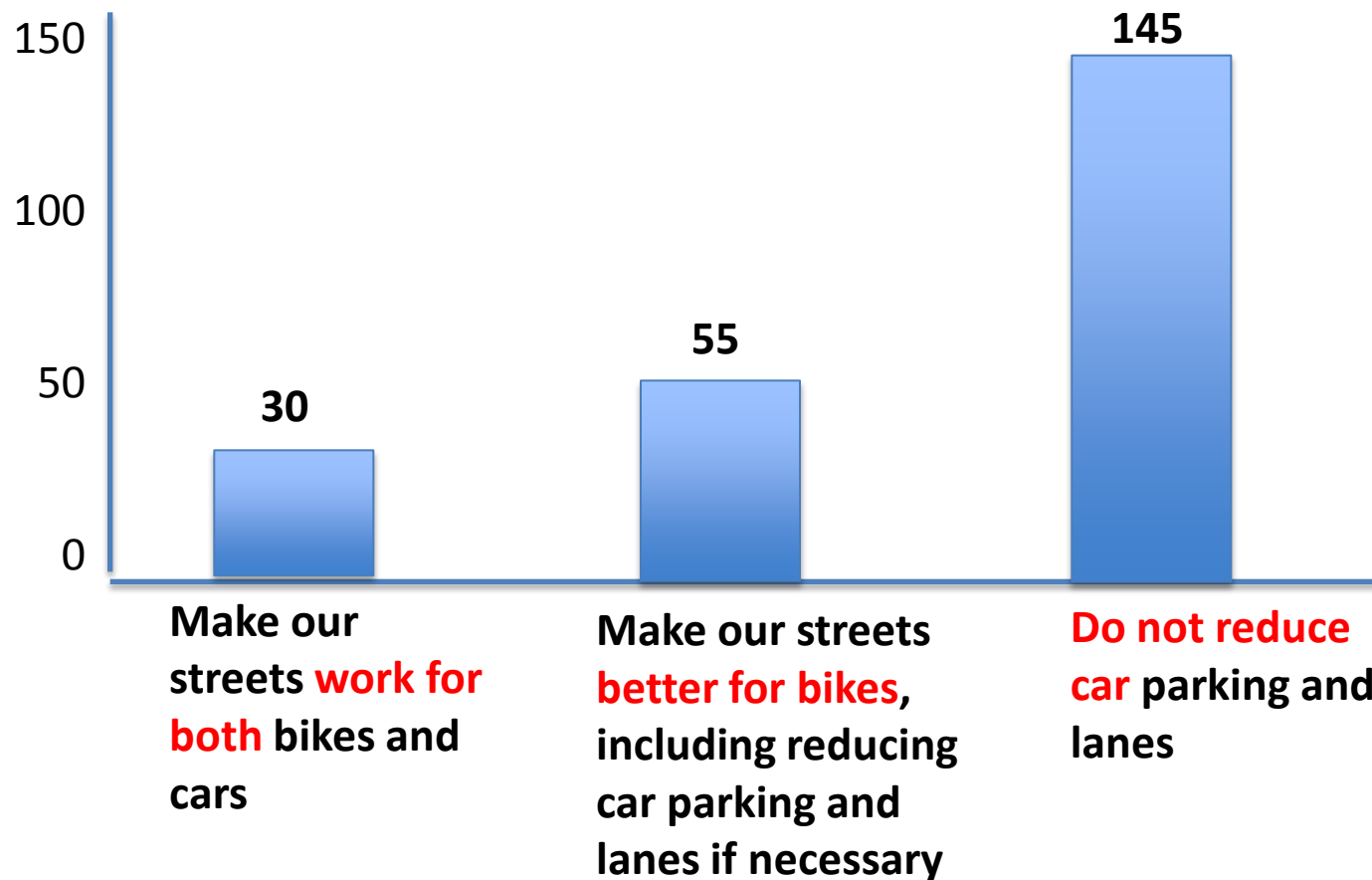
Proposal for Increased Biking Safety for Santa Barbara

Frank Hotchkiss

Santa Barbara City Council

The Pulse of Our Community...

Op-ed published in media outlets in Aug. asked:
planning for bike and car traffic?



One thing everyone agreed on:

We should try to make bike riding safer!



Need: Solution Designed Specifically for Santa Barbara

- City streets are often congested with cars, pedestrians, bicyclists using same roads
- Problem of Historic City: Old, narrow roads
- Moving sidewalks and buildings to widen roads not an option...
- So what if we had a grid of major North / south / east /west biking routes?



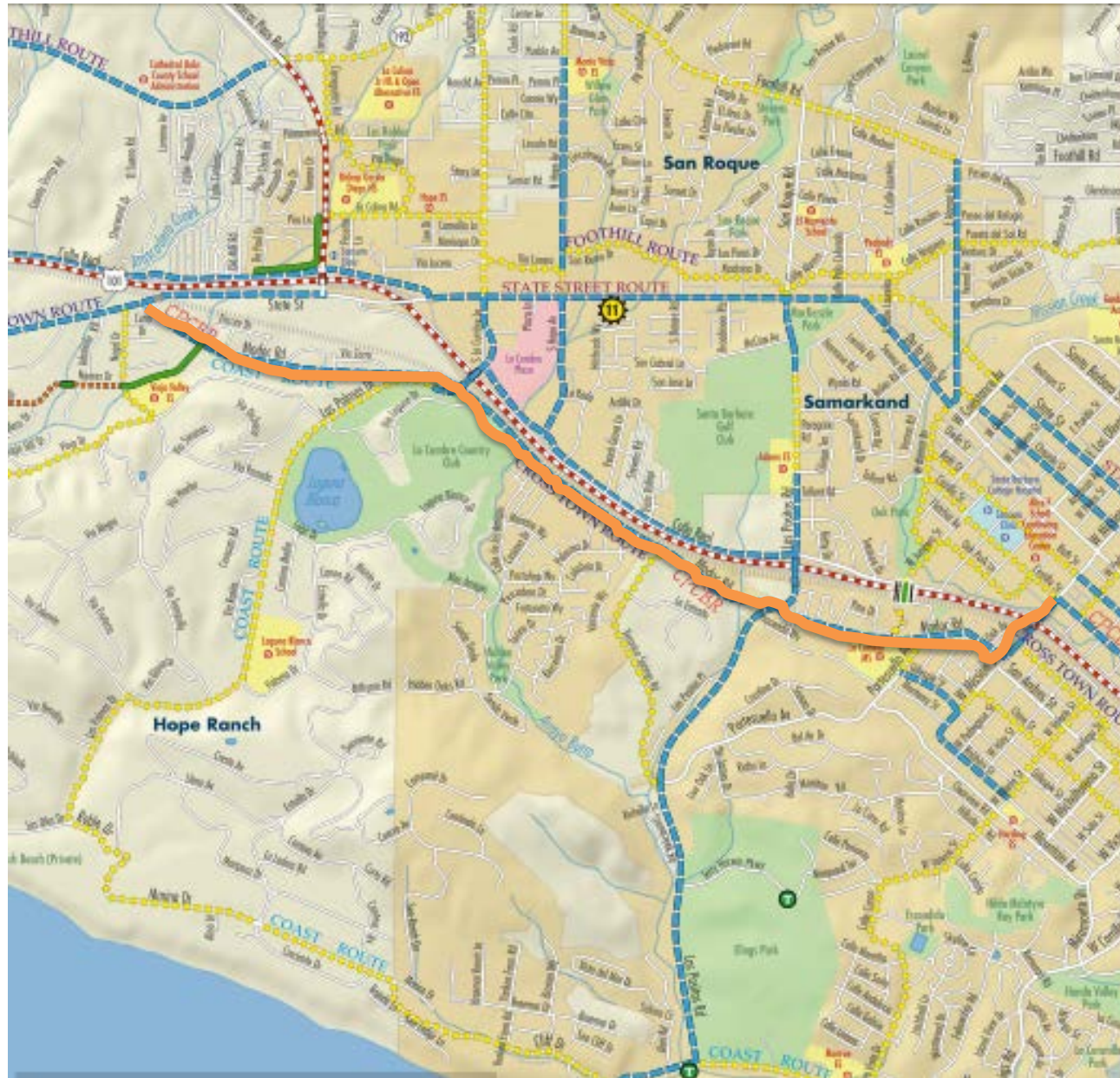
Smart Engineering Approach

Why not channel bikes onto major arterial routes through city?

- Like freeways for bikes – get on and off at appropriate side street near your final destination.
- We already have the start of a grid system – **let's strengthen it.**

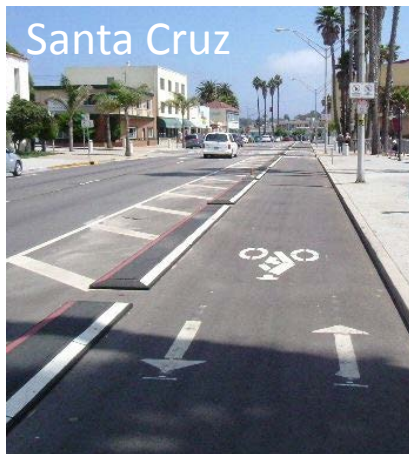


Towards Goleta



Strengthen Grid System

Stage separation between rider and car routes



Ways to get separation



Ways to get separation



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Closing...

- Santa Barbara roads are old, small and congested.
- Multiple users on same space = too crowded
- Need to **increase bike safety**:
 - Drive bike traffic to bike ‘freeways’ that cars and bikes expect and respect
 - Create sense of separation with recognizable and navigable divider that both can access