

## Joel Slavit

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**From:** Bob Page  
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**To:** Joel Slavit  
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Hi Joel--

Attached is a letter I sent to Jim Porter regarding the hazardous condition of the Alameda de las Pulgas bike lanes in the two-block commercial district (Avy to Ashton) in west Menlo Park. I request that the bike lanes be smoothly repaved and topped with a green surface.

I would appreciate the consideration and support of my request by the SMCBPAC at its October meeting.

Thank you, Bob Page

Mr. Jim Porter  
Director of Public Works  
San Mateo County  
555 County Center  
Redwood City, CA 94063

October 1, 2020

Ref: Dangerous condition, Alameda de las Pulgas, West Menlo Park

Dear Mr. Porter:

The pavement in the bike lanes on Alameda de las Pulgas between Avy and Ashton Avenues in west Menlo Park is very uneven and bumpy. This presents a hazardous road condition jeopardizing cyclists and motorists. The uneven pavement can disrupt the balance and course of a cyclist. Further, it prevents a cyclist from taking a hand off the handlebar in order to signal to others an intention to turn or stop.

I ask that this two-block segment of bike lanes be resurfaced as soon as possible to mitigate this hazard. I urge that a green surface be used to clearly define the bike lane through this short business district.

This two-block segment of Alameda is a busy zone. The road width is reduced between Avy and Ashton, pinching all road users closer together. There are several businesses (including Starbucks, Lutticken's, Lulu, Dutch Goose) that draw many cars which cross the bike lanes to access off-street parking. In the short block between Avy and Gordon, there are four curb cuts for driveways on both sides of Alameda. Cars turning into or out of the off-street parking often block the bike lane.

The Avy-Ashton segment is the roughest bike lane surface on the Alameda between Jefferson Avenue in Redwood City and Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park.

More people are traveling and recreating by bicycle, since the onset of the Covid pandemic.

I hope that the County will promptly address this dangerous condition so that the growing number of area cyclists may safely use this critical corridor.

Thank you for your attention to this situation,

Robert Page

cc email: Don Horsley