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To: Michael Brilliot, Envision San Jose 2040 Task Force,
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From: Richard Zappelli and members of Stakeholders for a Safe Green Village

Subject: Bicycle-Pedestrian friendly Lincoln Ave.

Regarding: Connectivity: Bicycle lanes and bike trails linking Lincoln Avenue
to the City Of San Jose.

Dear Michael Brilliot and Members of the General Plan Task Force,

Connectivity of bicycle lanes in Willow Glen (WG) and MidTown along Lincoln Avenue are important if WG is going to be part of Economic growth in San Jose. Connecting Bike lanes through town is not always easy, but that should not be an excuse in an area where the geographic and economic links are so close; as WG-MidTown and Downtown San Jose. Existing bicycle Lanes, bike trails need to be connected and new bike lanes added to complete this essential connectivity. We request that it be a high priority as WG and MidTown prepare for the next economic up-cycle.

Bike lanes that connect Willow Glen and MidTown to Downtown San Jose:

- (1) Willow Street, east from Leigh Avenue (Blackford Elementary) to Lincoln Avenue ends at Lincoln Ave.
- (2) From MidTown, San Carlos Blvd. bike lanes are planned along Lincoln Ave. to Parkmoor / I-280 and stop. (See Burbank Del Monte SNI)
- (3) From Malone Road at Lincoln Ave, bike lanes are planned north to Minnesota Ave. and end. Just two blocks south of Malone are bike lanes on Curtner at Lincoln Avenue. These need to be connected. Bike lanes at Curtner & Lincoln should continue south on Lincoln to Husted. Lincoln Avenue is very wide in this area, and should provide ample room for bike lanes.
- (4) Bird Avenue: Bike lanes are planned from San Carlos Blvd. & Montgomery south on Bird Avenue to Coe Ave and stop. Bike lanes should continue on Coe Ave. to Lincoln Avenue just a short distance. Bird Avenue after it crosses San Carlos Blvd and moves North it changes name to the Autumn Parkway. Autumn Parkway has bike lanes planned in the Diridon Development Plan. These Bike Lanes connect Autumn Pkwy. to the new proposed Ball Park, Diridon Station and H.P.Pavilion.
- (6) Los Gatos Creek Trail from San Carlos Blvd.(soon to be connected to Diridon Station area) south along the trail have bike lanes across Auzerais St.(MidTown area) to Lonus Street in WG just one block from the corner of Lincoln 7 Lonus St. and stop. This could easily connect with bike lanes along Lincoln from I-280 through Down Town Willow Glen and south past Minnesota and Curtner to Husted Ave.

(7) Bike lanes and a road diet are planned along Alma Ave from Kelly Park west passed S.J. Municipal Base Ball Park (Giants), past the Muni Ice Scating Rink, past Spartan Stadium continuing west to Tamien Station, where Alma becomes Minnesota Ave at the Union Pacific Tracks and end(see Green Print 2009 draft). This bike lane could continue on to Lincoln Ave. Downtown WG, past WG Elementary School, continuing west past Willow the west side of Street Park and onto Meridian Ave.

(8) Highway 87 Bike-way travels north from Mc Kean Road in the southern most part of Almaden Valley, to Alma Street and ends. The Bike Trail continues once again along the Guadalupe River at Virginia Street, leaving an incomplete stretch between Alma Street and Virginia Street. This Bike Trail when completed connects Tamien TOD and Willow Street before connecting with Virginia Street. This Bike trail is another Willow Glen connection to the "Children's Discovery Museum and Guadalupe River Gardens and the new Proposed trail Museum.

These bicycle lanes can connect to San Jose State University as they connect at Lincoln Ave and San Carlos Blvd. and move east to the University.

Another important consideration; the population of Willow Glen is 76,000 plus the growing. High density TOD`s in MidTown and along Lincoln Avenue will create increasing automobile pressure through WG and traffic and parking issues for Downtown. Bicycle connectivity in and through Willow Glen will enhance sustainability, lower our carbon footprint and enhance economic growth and livability in our great city.

Lincoln Avenue, from Husted Avenue in the South to Park Avenue in the north is a very important connector.

Sincerely,

// Richard Zappelli //

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RZ/dd