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Hi,  
I can't be at the meeting Monday. Please count my NO  
vote for road diets.

Thanks,  
Kim Santell

## Martinez, Ruben

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**Subject:**

FW: Contact Form from Website

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Message:

I agree with the City Manager recommendation to cancel the "road diet" project on Orange Grove. Any project of this type is a horrible idea, for the following reasons:

- This proposal is an insult to our intelligence.
- It will have unintended consequences
- The primary beneficiaries of this project are some bicyclists.
- It is a misuse of our tax money

1. Insult to our intelligence. A "Complete Streets" project is actually a euphemistic platitude for converting a complete street to a half-street. Creators of projects behave like they think we do not know how to take care of ourselves – and that by making it harder to drive, somehow, we'll park our cars take the bus to work. I work in Los Angeles. I tried the Gold Line. It took longer, and my stop dropped me next to a homeless encampment.

2. It will have unintended consequence of traffic relocation and making overall driving more difficult. For example, you did this on Sierra Madre Villa, north of Foothill. The street changed from 4 lanes, that easily conveyed traffic, to a confusing array of lanes, where we now have to merge right after the traffic signal. Any time you force a merge, you increase the odds of creating an accident. Further, the traffic that your road diet will "calm" away from Orange Grove will end up on neighboring streets. Like water, traffic seeks its fastest route. If you do this project, the residential streets north and south of Orange Grove will stop being quiet residential streets. We do not need more of this, we need less.

3. It does not serve the majority of the population. It looks like it meets the needs of bicyclists, a small group. Don't forget the needs of the majority of your citizens, many of whom drive to work every day on City streets, and who pay for the street use via gas taxes.

4. Misuse of our tax money. The City Manager report cites funding sources:

SB 1 is the recently adopted gas tax which adds hundreds of dollars a year to each car owner's costs. I would like to point out that the source of funds for SB 1 is from motor vehicles. Where is the cash contribution from bicyclists? People who think this recently enacted vehicle tax is unfair should vote "yes" on Proposition 6.

The City Manager report also mentions the "pending influx of additional funds for street maintenance". I wonder why I or my fellow citizens here should vote "yes" on Measure I, if our tax funds will be used for others of this kind of Complete Streets (i.e. Half Streets) project.

In conclusion, I urge that, as recommended by the City Manager, each of you vote to permanently remove Compete Streets - Orange Grove Boulevard Project from the CIP.

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