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Subject: SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM #22

Our Arterials Should be Viewed As Public Space, Not Just Roads

Hello City Council –

I'm writing to express my strong support for agenda item #22. Our arterials should be more than just pathways for vehicles. Our arterials and the public rights-of-way they occupy are actually Huntington Beach's most extensive network of public spaces and they should be treated with the same care and consideration as our parks, beaches and other community meeting places.

Over the years I have contacted many of you to support initiatives focused on improvements to Huntington Beach's streets, thoroughfares and roadways. I've advocated for prioritizing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in our public right-of-way improvements and spoken at length about our need to improve public safety adjacent to our school and parks. All these emails, public comments and face-to-face meetings were aimed at bringing your attention to an opportunity to improve our local transit, reduce congestion, reduce pollution, and empower residents who either cannot or choose not to drive vehicles in our city. And I feel strongly that such improvement would benefit every single resident of our community regardless of how they choose to use our streets.

Similarly, I see agenda item #22 by Council member Moser as another step aimed at improving our public rights-of-way. Our extensive network of arterials should be more than a "land of asphalt and block walls." I see the directive embodied in this this agenda item as an opportunity to do more than simple roadway beatification. For when we consider our arterials as public space and not just roadways we can improve and expand neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for those living in our community.

I urge you to vote in favor of agenda item #22 and in doing so, I thank you for voting in favor of improving our community.

Thank you.

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