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Subject: FW: Proposed change in speed limit for Bonita Road

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Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:06 PM
To: Mary Salas; Steve Miesen; Patricia Aguilar; Pamela Bensoussan
Cc: Tom Money
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Dear city officials:

I was shocked and dismayed to learn of the staff recommendation to increase the speed limit in the business district of Bonita.

I have lived and maintained my dental practice in Bonita since 1974. Over all of these years, as one would expect, the traffic counts through the business district have increased many times over. A large number of curb cuts exist on both sides of the road, giving ingress and egress to business and residential traffic. Often times motorists must almost come to a complete stop exiting the road, due to exiting traffic and/or the sharpness of the turn or steepness of the curb cut.

I routinely see pedestrians, some of whom are disabled and in wheelchairs, some of whom are young students walking or on bicycles, crossing Bonita Road at Allen School Lane and at Otay Lakes Road.

Drivers entering the business district eastbound from I-805 approach the intersection of Bonita Road and Willow Street at a high rate of speed, having left a 50 mph zone. Invariably they seem unaware that they are entering a highly congested business district which requires them to slow to a more reasonable 30-35 mph speed.

Knowing human nature and the insatiable desire to drive as fast as possible, motorists tend to drive at 5-10 mph FASTER than the posted limit. I foresee a dramatic increase in potentially serious, and possibly fatal, accidents should this increase in speed limit be approved. In my opinion, the speed limit through the business district should be LOWERED, perhaps to the 25-30 mph limit currently in existence in the 3rd Ave. business district of downtown Chula Vista.

PLEASE defeat this recommendation and introduce appropriate safeguards for all of our citizens who travel Bonita Road.

Sincerely,

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