

**From:** [Diana Kohne](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Item not on the Agenda  
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Please read aloud:

I am a mom in Sierra Madre. I live several blocks from the elementary school, and I often ride my bike there, and around town. It's one of the perks of living in this beautiful place. I have noticed that biking past the elementary school during start and stop times is really difficult, which concerns me because my son would like to bike to the middle school when he attends. Other parents have witnessed an increase in car traffic since the bus stops went away, one family even disallowed their son to continue riding his bike to school because of the new traffic.

My focus was on getting the bus stops back, until I was nearly run over as I turned onto the street where I live from Grandview. I was biking home from the elementary school. A parked car on my right meant I had to take up the whole lane for a few yards before my left turn. I signaled that I would be turning left, and as I began my turn, the big red vehicle that had been behind me screeched into the oncoming traffic lane (the one I was crossing) and I had to stop suddenly to avoid being hit. This van was enraged because he had to go slow behind me for a few yards. If Grandview had a protected bike lane, I would not have slowed this road rage person down. I would not have almost been killed. We should allow parking only on the south side of the street on Grandview in order to create a protected westbound bike lane for our community and kids- one where they don't have to swerve into traffic to go around a parked car. Let's limit parking on Highland to only the north side of the street to create a protected eastbound bike lane.

On my short 4 block ride from the school, I passed two other cyclists! People love to ride bikes in Sierra Madre. By making riding safer we also cut down on school drop off and pick up car traffic. Every car is a danger to children crossing. Every father pulling his child in a bike tagalong is not.

Imagine if we closed off Grandview to car traffic during school commute times, creating a daily "Ciclavia" for our families? I suggest this to illustrate that any change we make will only encourage pass through car traffic to use Sierra Madre Blvd.- which gives them the option to stop and shop. Grandview is used by people who live in neighboring towns to speed through our city quickly, which does not benefit us, and is a danger that will only grow worse. Grandview is a neighborhood street where families live. While we consider ways to make our citizens on bikes safe, remember that slowing traffic down on Grandview is a good thing.

Thank you for reading this aloud for me. I am not currently able to attend meetings due to covid protocols, but please reach out to me if I can help via phone or zoom.

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**From:** [Rick Simpson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
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Don't ruin Sierra madre with a meadows at Bailey canyon development

Rick Simpson  
Sierra madre