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Dear City clerk,

I wanted to make this public comment for the council meeting tonight dated Sep 15 (Item no 14) -

My name is Sandhya Laddha and I am the San Mateo County Advocate at Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. I wanted to make a comment regarding Item 14 on the agenda for tonight regarding the merger of the transportation committee and the Bicycle Pedestrian advisory committee.

The agenda says that there is a recommendation to merge these two committees because of the overlapping focus. We strongly recommend against this merger! While there might be some overlap with respect to the goals, the tasks each committee performs or oversees is very different and merging the two might lead to neglecting some vital pieces.

Though striving for the same larger goals, the day to day agenda for these committees are largely different and this can be seen in past agendas and minutes. They also have different agendas while competing for funding. We do believe they should work together as and when needed, but merging the committees will lead to some vital aspects being lost into the weeds.

Hence, we strongly suggest letting the two committees be separate and work on ways where they need to work together and when required.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

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Cheers,

**Sandhya Laddha**

San Mateo County Advocate | she/her/hers

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