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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

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Date:

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Proposed Topic Title:

Closing bike lanes, trails, and sidewalks

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

We work hard to get approval and find funding build bike lanes and trails, so it is frustrating and unsafe to find them blocked or closed. Construction and event signage often ends up in the bike lane, forcing bicyclists onto the sidewalk (technically illegal) or into lanes with fast-moving car traffic.

During the closure of the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail in September 2023, there was poor communication of plans in advance, and details were missed, leaving a trail entry unintentionally open between the two ends of the closure, among other things.

I'd like to talk about standards for closing sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails and how they are communicated to construction contractors, ideally before the planned pavement work on the north end of the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail.