

Comment 1 from Dan and Arnaldine Aires:

Hello Chris,

We emailed you last year, July 3, 2023, regarding the proposed bike lane along Arnold Drive in Sonoma. We live at 15 Don Timoteo Court, Sonoma (corner of Arnold Drive and Don Timoteo Court). Approximately 185 feet of our property runs along Arnold Drive.

We have reviewed (to the best of our ability) the Expanded Initial Study for the bike lane project dated June 2024, and have the following questions we hope you can help us with.

1. In our July 3, 2023 email to you, we requested a dyke be installed along the approximate 185' of Arnold Drive that adjoins our property to prevent excessive rain runoff onto our property. Has that been approved and will it be incorporated in the bike lane project?

Response: The project will not include a dyke in the area in front of your property. If the additional runoff was directed via a dyke into Don Timoteo Court, it may overwhelm the existing storm drain system. The project would have no effect on the current drainage in this area, however, the County will analyze the potential for a solution to drainage in this area.

2. Figure 6-8 of the Study indicates 10 trees are to be planted between our property line and Arnold Drive. Also, the roadway is to be widened in that area. We would like more information on this area.

Response: The roadway widening in front of your property will vary from 1-2 feet to create the five-foot bike lane and the two feet of rock shoulder, along with new tree plantings.

3. How much will the roadway need to be widened to accommodate the bike lane?

Response: The amount of widening to accommodate the bike lane and rock shoulders varies throughout the project limits. No widening is needed between Madrone Road and an area just north of Sobre Vista Road. Widening for new roadway sections between Sobre Vista Road and an area north of Aqua Caliente Road, as well as along area just south of Agua Caliente Road and Golf Course Drive, would generally vary from two to five feet.

4. What kind of embankment wall will be used to support the new roadway expansion?

Response: In some areas, the project will be designed with cut slopes. In other areas, a minor amount of fill will be needed to support the widening. Four existing box culverts and headwalls would be extended using cantilevered soldier pile wall structures designed to limit horizontal movement.

5. Ten new oak trees are proposed for this area.

Response: Correct. Note this is an approximate number, with exact numbers determined at the time of planting.

6. What kind of oak trees?

Response: As described by the mitigation in the CEQA document, the tree planting will be a mix of coast live oak and valley oaks. Exact species mix will be determined at time of planting, based on availability of plant stock.

7. How deep are their roots?

Response: Oak tree roots generally are shallow, penetrating the soil about 18 inches, however, some roots can go down 75 – 250 feet.

8. How close to our fence will the trees be planted?

Response: The exact planting locations will be determined in the field and in a manner to mimic the natural spacing of trees. The trees will be planted based on slope and proximity to the edge of road. The intention of all the plantings is to be away from fences.

9. Going forward, who will maintain this area?

Response: The County will maintain the road shoulders as necessary, and the plantings.

10. In the past we have had to maintain this area ourselves or hire a gardener. If the grass/weeds are not cut down on a regular basis, the residence of Don Timoteo Court cannot see oncoming traffic when attempting to exit the court and make a left turn onto Arnold Drive.

Response: Comment noted. If visibility of the road is an issue, please call Public Infrastructure Road Maintenance Division.

11. Also, it is important this area be maintained on a regular basis to achieve the recommended fire safety zone area around our property.

Response: Comment noted.

12. We support the bike lane project but need answers to our questions to ensure proper planning, maintenance and safety issues are addressed.

Response: Comment noted. The Board of Supervisors will be made aware of all comments and responses received on this project.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. **Also, please confirm receipt of this email.** Thank you for your assistance.

Dan and Arnaldine Aires

15 Don Timoteo Court

Sonoma, CA. 95476

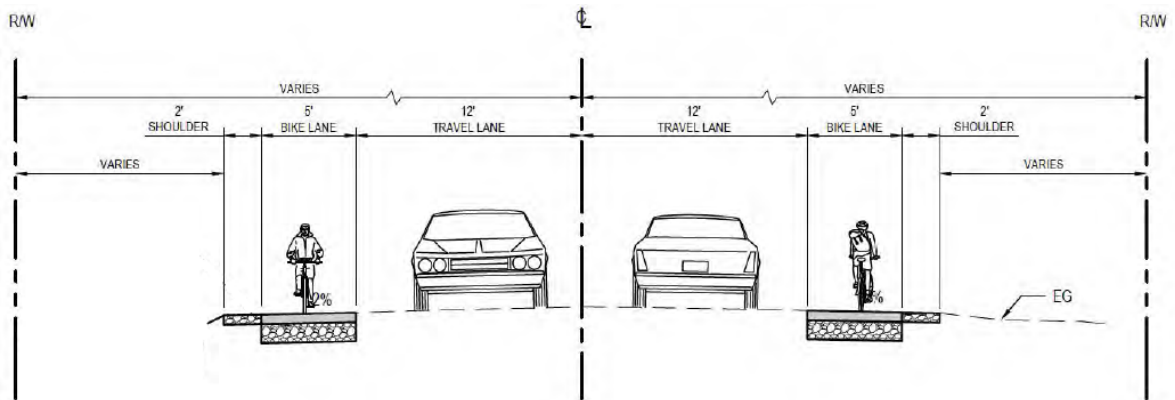
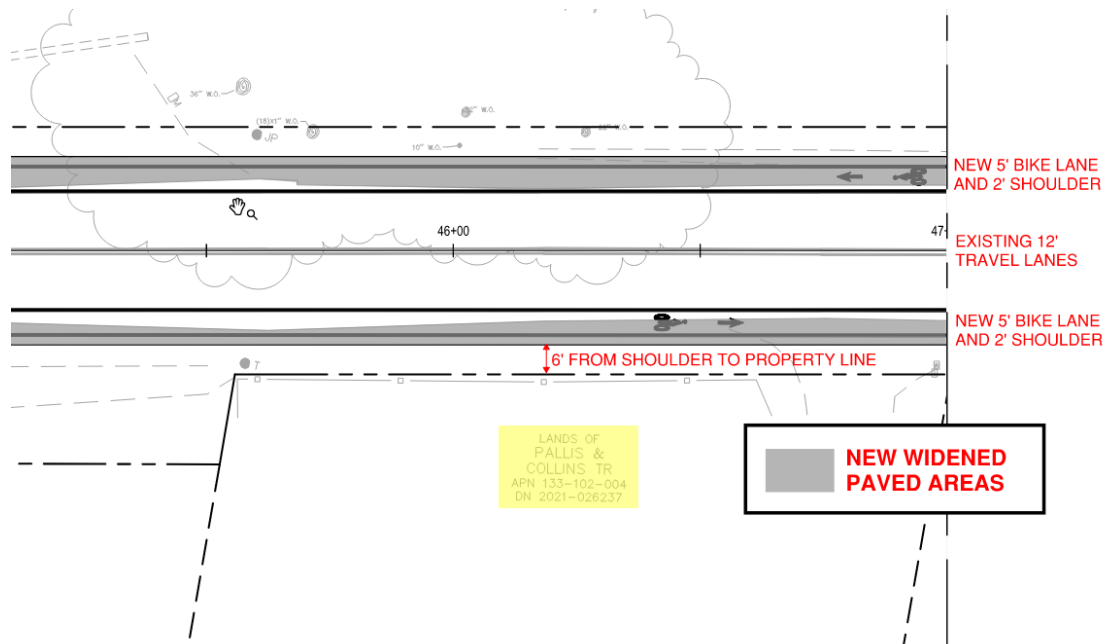
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Comment 2 from Mark Pallis:

Chris - I am a homeowner on a portion of Arnold Drive that will be affected by this project. Rather than wading through the volume of material on this matter, can you either provide me or direct me to materials that would show me what is currently proposed along our property line with Arnold Drive? My address is 16657 Arnold Drive, between Don Timito and Loma Vista.

Thank you very much, Mark Pallis

Response: please see below graphic depicting your frontage.



Comment 3 from Tom Quintero:

Hi Chris:

I am just now reviewing the notices for the bike lane project and fortunately, I am a huge supporter of bike lanes on that stretch on Arnold. From review of the plans and satellite photos, it doesn't appear that there will be any type of construction taking place at the Arnold Dr, Agua Caliente roundabout? I am the only residence at that intersection. My only concern is a 7am start time for construction and respectfully request the contractors start at 8am.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you,

Tom Quintero

970 W Agua Caliente Rd

Sonoma, 95476

Response: Comment noted. They will be provided to the Board of Supervisors when they consider adopting the CEQA document and approving the project at a later date.

No work will occur right at the roundabout, however, work will occur to the north and south of the improvements that were done when the roundabout was constructed, and will conform to existing striping at the roundabout at Agua Caliente Road.

With regards to construction noise and hours of work, the mitigation from the CEQA document is as follows:

Mitigation Measure NOI-1: Reduce Construction Noise

To reduce construction noise, the County shall require the contractor to implement the following measures:

- Limit hours of construction to avoid the early morning and evening hours (such as 7 am to 7 pm weekdays and 7 am to 5 pm weekends).
- Limit work to non-motorized equipment on Sundays and holidays.
- Use sound blankets for loud operations such as air compressors or other mechanical equipment. Site construction staging areas as far as practical from nearby sensitive receptors. Require street legal mufflers on construction equipment.

Although the mitigation measure allows a 7 am start time, the County Resident Engineer overseeing the project will work with the contractor to limit 7 am to 8 am activities that generate substantial noise in front of residents wherever possible.

Comment 4 from Caltrans:

Hello Chris,

Thank you for including Caltrans in this review. We do not have comments on this material provided at this point. Please continue to keep us informed in timely manner, should more information be disclosed and/or any changes be made to this submittal. Any future material or correspondence regarding this project can be submitted to LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov

Thank you,

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Response: Thank you for your reply Melissa. Comment noted.