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Dear SMC BPAC members,

Thank you for your service to the needs of SM County residents who walk and bike.

Looking at the agenda for this meeting (as well as past ones), I noted that there are several "information" items. These presentations do have some value in that they make the BPAC (and other community members) aware of progress on projects underway in the County. Hopefully, this affords the BPAC, filled with community members who have deep experience on issues related to walking and biking, to provide valuable input on how to make these projects better and move them more quickly. Often, however, it seems like these presentations are simply "FYI" and the structure of the meeting/discussion is not conducive to the BPAC moving the needle on project quality or speed.

Given the expertise of the BPAC, how can you better use your time to improve the safety of our streets, through better projects and more projects? Could most of these "FYI" presentations be reading material prior to the meeting and the precious meeting time is reserved for questions? This would also free up time to allow the BPAC to take a more proactive role in making our streets safer. I would love to see discussions on several topics that would best use the BPAC's expertise and accelerate the pace of change:

- Do metrics indicate that we are succeeding in our goals? (fewer crashes, less serious crashes, increasing mode share, less congestion)
- Are we spending enough on bike/ped projects?
- Why are we not moving faster?
- What else would the BPAC like to see the County/Board do to make our streets safer?
- What is the Board's reaction to the BPAC's output? How can the BPAC better communicate with the Board?
- What non-bike/ped projects/decisions are negatively (or positively) impacting bike/ped safety - e.g., widening highways that increase the number of cars on the road.

Thanks for listening,

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