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The City Council
Palo Alto, CA

By Hand

Dear Members of the City Council:

We the undersigned members of the Ventura Neighborhood Association respectfully urge the city to reinstate traffic controls at the north/south bound intersection of Page Mill Road and Park Boulevard.

The intersection used to have a signal that pedestrians could activate that would flash to alert cars of their presence. But this was removed at the beginning of the construction of 195 Page Mill Road. Furthermore, the sidewalk on the construction side of the road was demolished and the bike lane severely restricted with construction traffic often monopolizing the bike lane during business hours. In fact, an electronic sign that urges cyclists to use caution is obstructing the actual bike lane. And finally the intersection has no streetlights. At night it is difficult to see pedestrians and cyclists that are not attired in reflective wear.

This route is a designated a Bike Boulevard, is used extensively by bicycle commuters, train commuters, and high tech employees. Additionally it is one of the only routes in or out of our neighborhood, due to limitations imposed by the train tracks. It is essential that this route be safe and usable by all of these modalities.

We believe this intersection is extremely dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and cars. It is a free-for-all that has given rise to many harrowing close calls and near misses. Once construction concludes and traffic increases, this already dangerous condition will get worse unless appropriate safety measures are taken. Such measures may include stop signs, a traffic light, enhanced striping and other pavement markers, streetlights and flashing pedestrian signs, among other things. We urge the Council to take immediate action. We would like to support and participate in the city's plans for implementing changes that will effectively reduce the hazards plaguing this grossly unsafe intersection.

Thank you for your kind attention to our concern and to our request that you remedy this situation.

Sincerely,

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