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Moraga Livable Road Plan Stopped In Its Tracks

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The Moraga Town Council decided Jan. 14 that the different options to improve connectivity, pedestrian safety and traffic flow along Moraga Road needed to be weighed by the entire community before a decision is made. Staff was asked to come back with what it would cost to set up a mail-in or an online survey.

It's been more than a year since the planning department started working on a vision for the arterial between Campolindo High School and St. Mary's Road. After multiple public and committee meetings were conducted, staff recommended a plan that would create a multi-use bike and pedestrian path along the entire road, adding bike lanes and potentially reducing the number of lanes from four to three between Corliss and Draeger drives.

Residents living on Moraga Road asked for even further lane reductions and increased safety. After being reminded about the speed bumps that were built on Camino Pablo years ago without much outreach, resulting in months of heated public debate, council members decided to get more feedback from the community.

The traffic study was also of concern to the council members. It showed that with the number of developments currently on the town's drawing board, a reduction in the number of lanes between Corliss and Draeger drives could lead to heavy congestion on Moraga Road, especially if no traffic light is installed.

The council asked planning director Ellen Clark to develop a proposal for a town-wide survey. No specific date was given for when this will be completed.

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