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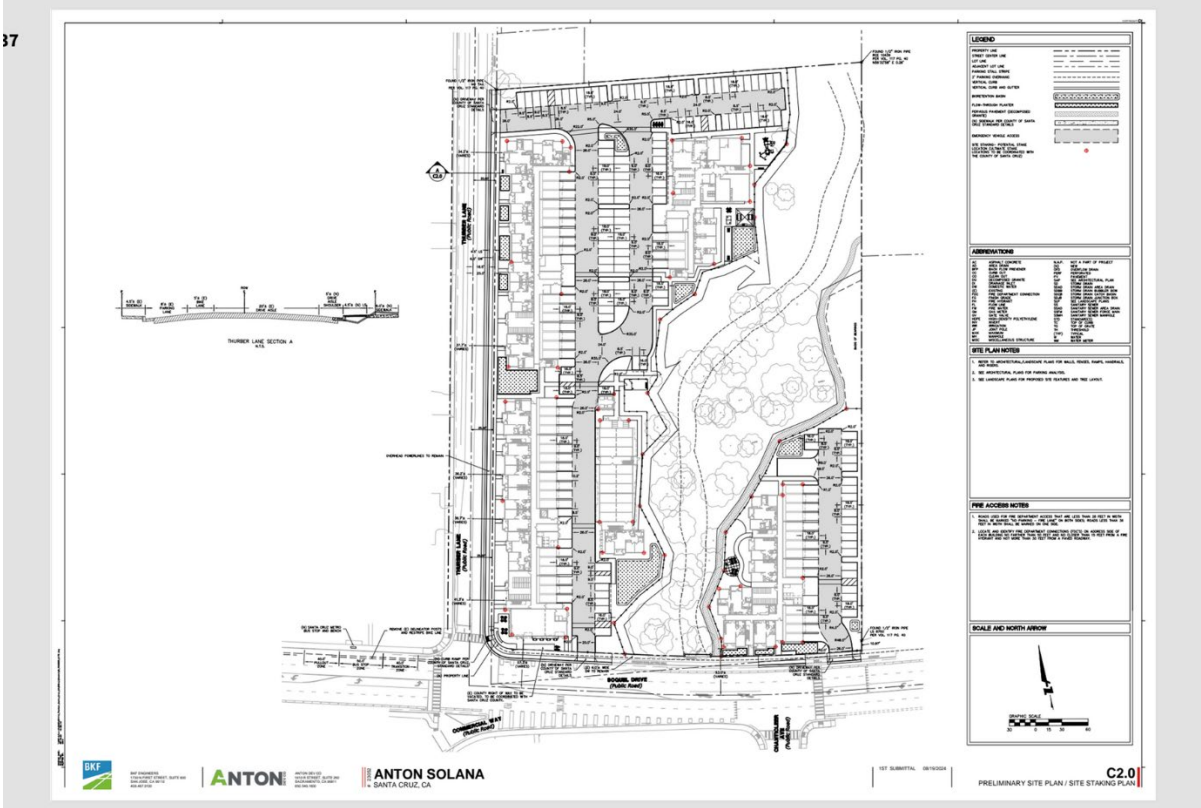
Subject: Public Comment on Item 10 (Updates related to committee functions), RTC Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda 10/24/24

Hi: As part of the extensive Committee involvement in the planning for the Chanticleer overpass, concern was raised about bicycle access to and from Soquel Drive because there is not a traffic light at that intersection and, hence it is a difficult intersection to navigate, even for motorists. We were told by County Public Works that adding a signal there was not advisable due to its proximity to the signalized Thurber Lane intersection. My thoughts at the time were that given this response it would make sense to observe actual traffic and cyclist movements and volumes once the overpass was operational for some time and then, if warranted, revisit what improvements should be made to the Chanticleer/Soquel intersection

However, I recently read an article about the current Soquel improvement project which quoted County staff as indicating that the traffic controls being installed would be very advanced. So, I am wondering, assuming this is the case, if a traffic signal could be installed at Chanticleer/Soquel as some type of synchronized couplet with the Thurber signal so that the short distance between them would not be an issue with the traffic engineers?

Also, I recently read an article about a large development being proposed at the Thurber/Soquel intersection which has raised traffic concerns. I am wondering how the added traffic generation from this project will affect cyclists accessing and leaving Chanticleer and how cycling residents of this new project could most conveniently have such access.