Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting of: July 6, 2022

## General Public Comment

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29 June 2022

Historic Land Marks Committee (HLC)

Re: Informational Item Only – Sola St. Bike Use

Cars Are Basic™, Inc. has been and continues to be concerned that the supposed “demand” basis for bike path planning and implementation is and has been vastly overstated if not fraudulent.

CAB has documented reduced bike use in Santa Barbara. The City of Santa Barbara stopped doing official bike counts as of 2014 because of the continual official numbers showing a decades long decline. (last count 2013 – Van Hengle stated the decline must be because of the weather)

At the 28 June 2022 Council meeting, CAB reported to Council, in response to the unsubstantiated claim of bike usage (demand) on Sola St., a (2) two day bike count using video recording. The (2) two day count was a total of (12) twelve bike riders (day 1 – 10/day 2 2). The video was done at the request of CAB, but with the understanding it was done without notification to CAB and had to be on standard work days.

CAB offered to supply the City with the raw video feed if they wished to challenge our report.

This was in conjunction to CAB’s response to the City’s California Public Records Act for the staff support for the “Westside” traffic plan/bike plan. Our request was for the justification based upon a) accident clusters b) does Vision Zero create congestion, and c) the Staff supported of Flashing Crosswalks and their Cost Comparison vs. Bulbouts – curb extensions.

The City’s response was a very thin 5 year accident data, and statement that there were no further reports.

On behalf of the Board,

(Electronic Signature)

Scott Wenz
President, CAB