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## Castle Rock Town Council Meeting Comments - Submission #122100

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### April 5, 2022 Castle Rock Town Council Meeting Comments

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#### Agenda item on which to comment\*

12. Discussion/Direction: Fifth Street Improvements Project - Recommended Design ▼

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#### Comment\*

Fifth Street Improvement Project

I am writing regarding Item 12 - DIR2022-008 Fifth Street Improvements Project scheduled for a vote at the April 5, 2022 Castle Rock Town Council Meeting.

It is a privilege to serve on the Castle Rock Public Works Commission. I appreciate the opportunity to share my business experience and get a first-person look at how our town operates. I feel I should offer my thoughts and rationale for voting no on the proposed Fifth Street Improvement Project.

It is my opinion that the 3-Lane option provides a better traffic calming and helps to limit the number of cars driving into downtown, an area of town that has no capacity for traffic expansion. We need to acknowledge that Fifth Street is no longer a state highway and is NOT included in the proposed Truck Route so we need to reduce speed limits to a residential street level. At a minimum, there needs to be areas along the path for walkers and cyclists to rest from the challenging slope and enjoy the view.

Multi-modal use should be the primary objective of this project in keeping with the Town of Castle Rock 2030 Comprehensive Master Plan Principle RG-3.5 Pedestrian and Bicycle Orientation.

Walking and cycling paths should share the focus of this project along with improving a very challenging road. This project is a rare opportunity to build a transportation corridor that addresses the 2030 Comprehensive Master Plan Principle ID-6, where citizens can enjoy the beautiful views and wildlife that live in the area, as well as, connect the Terrain and Founders neighborhoods with Downtown.

I feel a successful design should create a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts. This project is more than roads, sidewalks and bike lanes. The design should include areas for walkers and bikers to rest from the challenging slope and enjoy the views. Without this important element, I fear that the paths will be nothing more than concrete slashes in the hillside. The steep slope too difficult for ordinary citizens to climb.

The cars, bikes, and people should have enough space to feel safe. The speeds should be slow enough to react to the wildlife and for pedestrian safety. The design should be pleasing to the eye and blend with the landscape.

Thank for this Opportunity to Comment.

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