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Dear Laurie:

It was a pleasure meeting you in person last week. I am writing today to provide comments with regard to the planned expansion of the Manhattan Village Shopping Center. As you know, the cost to consider bike improvements is always the least when done with construction projects.

We desire to see that this primary Manhattan Beach shopping area is connected to as much of our community as possible with safe, clearly designated bike paths. It will certainly help stores and restaurants to have a safe path to the shopping center for families. As such, we would recommend that the planning include identifying safe bike routes into and within the center.

As you know, the bicycle master plan calls for several routes that could connect the shopping center to various city neighborhoods. For example, work on Meadows Ave and a small part of Marine could connect all of East Manhattan Beach to the center. Leveraging improvements of Valley/Ardmore could create connections to the population West of Sepulveda. Including these, or other streets you find more appropriate, would be a plus for the community as well as a benefit to the property owner.

Equally important, we would be very interested in safe designated bike lanes within the property. We would recommend and appreciate that this continue to be a requirement of the development.

Please let me know if we can assist in any way.

Respectfully,

Michael Don

Coalition Director