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Town Administrator
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing regarding the ongoing road construction on Adair St., from Schwann St. down to the bike path. Beginning last year, Adair St. has undergone some major restructuring that has caused the grade/elevation of the road to change significantly. At this time the road is several feet higher than it originally was, narrower, and the turnaround area has been reduced as well. Previously several vehicles were able to park at the bottom of the road and turnaround without backing up and readjusting. With a smaller turn around area available, and the new entrance to the new construction at the bottom of the road, parking more than a couple of vehicles has become challenging if not impossible due to the reduced area available for parking.

Other more worrisome concerns with the new road configuration/elevation is the abrupt fall off from Adair St. down to the bike/walking path. The lack of proper grading, or a graded ramp down to the path has greatly affected the ability of many to access the path, whether on foot, bike or golf cart. No one can ride a bike up from the path onto Adair, and no one will safely chance a golf cart due to the steepness. Some type of graded ramp down to the bike path to allow proper access would help immensely. Adding a few yards of base material and grading it with a skid steer may be all that's needed to make the path/road more accessible.

The concerning aspect of the drop off from Adair St. to the bike path is also the lack of accessibility for people with disabilities or the elderly. The bike path is totally inaccessible from Adair St. to people in wheelchairs, using walkers, elderly, or other disabled people on foot who would literally need to climb up or down that steep hill to access the bike path/roadway, and risk possible injury. I personally used to park at the bottom of Adair and take my elderly mother to the bike path using her walker, or holding her arm. Even before the construction on Adair St., that was a slower process for her, and the ground was level from the roadway to the bike path. As of today, it would be an impossible process for her. I am sure there are many others who previously accessed the path or nearby boat docks from Adair St. who can no longer do so as well? It is also not acceptable to have to unload at Buena vista beach(or elsewhere) and expect an elderly or disabled person to make their way all the way to Adair St. to access other areas. Elderly and disabled people already face many barriers in their lives, getting to a once available bike path shouldn't be one of them. **I am hoping there may be plans in the works to address the steep drop from Adair St. to the bike path to allow all community members proper access whether on foot or by other means?**

Having growth and new construction is always exciting and helps grow the community, however, the effects of that construction has greatly affected many other families in the community. By no means do I feel that anyone has purposely sought to hinder others, but I feel safe in saying that the decisions of some (including the town administrators) has negatively impacted the lives of community members, and that is a concern that should be reviewed, and a remedy sought. I am hoping that the town can return the roadway transition to the bikepath to a standard that is accessible by all. As mentioned earlier, this may only require some gravel and proper grading? The community needs to do better in supporting all residents to feel welcome and inclusive.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this matter, and I look forward to your response.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".