June 1, 2020

RE: Agenda # 4.B

Dear Mayor Barrett and Council members and city staff,

Bryan Cacy, a father, a son, a grandson and a friend to many, lost his life while cycling over the Corona over-crossing. An impaired driver struck and killed Brian. The Corona over-crossing built in 1955 is narrow, lacks sidewalks and a bike lane. The Corona over-crossing, Corona road, and McDowell Blvd are an intracal part of our city and county transportation system. Yet the city council and city staff ignore safety in this area of our community. The Corona over-crossing needs to be rebuilt for safety. McDowell Blvd and Corona road needed to be upgraded for safety. When the Sonoma Mountain Specific Plan was implemented in the 1990’s safety on Corona Road was ignored. The lack of safe sidewalks and a safe rail crossing in this area is nothing more than negligence by the City of Petaluma. This staff report glossed over safety. As our city continues to develop safety is always ignored. How many people need to be killed before the city and this city council voices concern. The two million dollars give to SMART should have been used to make this area of Petaluma safer for, cars, trucks, bicyclist, pedestrians and ADA.

Thank you,
Janice Cader Thompson