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Dear Mayor and Counsel members:

I live on Monterey Blvd. near Pier Avenue (South of Pier Avenue). I have reviewed Pier Avenue Concept 8-24-20 Option 1 which proposes closing WB and EB #2 lane, and Option 4 which proposes closing EB #2 lane.

Although I feel for the local businesses (I own a restaurant in Hollywood that is still shut down) the City should not close any lanes on Pier Avenue, a street that provides commercial access to the beach and surroundings areas. Closing any lanes on Pier will increase traffic on Monterey and other side streets. At a minimum, closure of a lane on Pier will slow traffic and will further push incoming cars to side street through mobile apps that direct traffic instead of feeding them through Pier.

If the City plans to close lanes on Pier Avenue they should assign additional police patrols to Monterey and the surrounding streets. They should also convert these streets into one way lanes pushing traffic to Pier Avenue and perhaps Hermosa – the more commercially friendly roads. In addition, the city could put up dividers preventing cars from crossing through Pier so that cars would then have to turn EB or WB.

All of the neighbors feel the same way. We need some assistance with the traffic.

Respectfully,  
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