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Subject: Problem with Bike Sharrows on Pier Ave at the double 4-way stop

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TO THE HERMOSA BEACH CITY COUNCIL:

Please have this added to your agenda.

I attended the last council meeting and a consent calendar item was discussed regarding proposed bicycle Sharrows on Pier Ave, Consent items should not be discussed unless they are pulled. It was not pulled for discussion so I did not have an opportunity to explain a problem I see with proposed sharrows on the small section of Pier Ave at the double 4 – way stops.

I ride bicycles through these double stop signs at least 2 times a day. As any cyclist knows, stop signs are a challenge since drivers do not see you the same as cars, even though they should. Naturally cyclists have the right to the lane and be treated as a vehicle but it is a big problem at 4-way stops, and increasing dangerous at a double 4-way stop. Police and engineers have suggested that cyclists walk thru the 4 way stop at the crosswalk so we are treated as a pedestrian. This is legal and the safest way. As you may know drivers at these stop signs have trouble enough figuring out who goes next. To add sharrows and expect cyclists to be treated the same is delusional. In addition to that it will disturb drivers even more attempting to get through, and actually do nothing for PR on this issue. I believe that adding sharrows in this small section is more dangerous than the current condition.

We should leave the lanes alone in this section. Please add this to this agenda before it is too late and the street has been marked with this dangerous re striping!!
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