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**Subject:** XIV Municipal Matter (b) Report 20-0586 Please pace in Council Meeting of 09/08/2020

The Council will be providing direction tonight (09;/08/20/20) on temporary lane closures on Pier Avenue. by lane reconfiguration or reduction on lanes.

In a article The Beach Reporter (07/15/2020) Leeanne Singtelon said "the plan could be designed to provide additional walking and biking space, but could also cause traffic congestion through downtown due to decrease the decrease of lanes .To accommodate this plan, she also stated "that we push other vehicular traffic to side streets and residential streets in looking at an option like this" Pier Ave when designed both the one lane to two lanes concept was looked at by painting these lane configurations as a test and it was found that two lanes were the best way for an Arterial Street to function .

Pier Ave has Local Streets (Loma DR.) ,Collector Streets( Monterey, Manhattan Ave) connecting to Pier Ave (Arterial) that move traffic to a high capacity road (PCH). Today with Covid19 there is less traffic and schools are out reducing the traffic. The one lane test showed that both in the morning and afternoon traffic backed up due to the lane reduction in both directions.

Hermosa Ave is an Arterial road and by closing it to one lane it will also have the same pushing of vehicle to collector streets that will them cause Pier the Arterial Street to back up.

Reducing the traffic lanes on Pier or Hermosa Ave will the capacity of moving residents and visitors in an out of Hermosa. Paradise Pines during the Camp fire resident were not able to escape the area for the Arterial roads were reduce 2 lanes each way to one lane each way. This caused reduce vehicle escape routes out for harms way. As a property owner in Paradise Pines I personally know residents who told me of the horror stories of trying to escape the flames. The placing of these outdoor space at the curb flow gutter will could cause flooding due the blocking by these structures preventing the water to reach the drainage basins. This could cause flooding to the business on Pier which was a major design feature to prevent in the reconstruction of Pier

This I know is a temporary fix but please think of the problems this could cause in the case of an emergency.

Schools will reopen and on a good weather day people will need to have access to downtown and be able to level in an orderly manner.

The business have had a change for their input on this consideration but the residents in the area who could be affected by addition traffic have not.

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