

Proposed Soquel Drive bikeway controversy continues with possible 'no parking' designation

The proposed Soquel Drive bikeway is back in the limelight.

The County Board of Supervisors will face the controversial item at next Tuesday's meeting to decide whether to

adopt a "no parking" designation the entire length of the bikeway from Paul Sweet Road to Daubenbiss Avenue and Walnut Avenue to State Park Drive.

Back on September 21, it was thought

to be settled that the bikeway would include two lands in each direction for motor vehicles as well as a bicycle/ve-parking lane in each direction. This would keep bicycle enthusiasts happy since they get a bikeway and also keep residents and merchants along Soquel Drive happy since they will have their on-street parking.

Immunization program broadens its coverage

The Swine Flu Immunization program has broadened its coverage according to Dr. James Chin of the State Health Department.

-Ages 6 months to 3 years who have chronic disease making them a "high risk" should have two injections one month apart.

-Ages 18 to 24 years are now recommended to get TWO injections one month apart. If you are in this category and received an injection at our regular flu clinic, you should receive a second shot in one month after the first injection.

-Ages 3 to 18 years are recommended to get TWO immunizations one month apart. We have no vaccine for this group yet, but will publish it when it arrives.

-Persons from 45 years of age and older may receive the bivalent vaccine (contains Swine and Victorian strains). If you are 45 to 60 years of age and received a monovalent injection (swine only), you may now return and receive a bivalent injection.

If you are in any of the above categories, you may obtain the vaccine from your local physician.

However, the engineer's estimate of \$34,500 was far below the actual \$48,993 bid received. Since there is only \$35,000 allocated in the budget, a cost-effective alternative must be found.

"I suggest that the Board provide a six foot bike lane on each side of Soquel Drive, and for a no parking zone to insure that the bikelane is infact available for bicycle use," said Supervisor-chairman Gary Patton in a letter to the other supervisors.

Patton also suggested a few exceptions to the no parking designations which were several merchants along the bike route.

Supervisor Dale Dawson (2nd district-Aptos) moved to continue the item until next week and it was passed unanimously.

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