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**To:** [SBCAG Information Requests](#)  
**Subject:** 154 Safety Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, September 20, 2021 12:20:56 PM

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Thank you for holding this meeting. I won't be able to attend, but there is something I'd like to comment on.

Most navigation maps will route cars off 101 and through the 154 corridor as the shortest and fastest route. I do not think 154 should be used as a regular through way for 101 traffic. I feel like if we can remove this from the apps, we can help reduce traffic and accidents. I feel like this would make a huge impact for the better.

Thanks,  
~Sonia Connors

**From:** [patfish@luckyfish.com](mailto:patfish@luckyfish.com)  
**To:** [Terry Contreras](#)  
**Cc:** [SBCAG Information Requests](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Highway 154 Safety Committee meeting - September 29, 2021  
**Date:** Friday, September 24, 2021 11:11:44 AM  
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## Comment for **Distribution to the Highway 154 Safety Committee**

**I'll comment with my simple solution: What we need to do is reduce the number of people on the 154, and the easiest way to do that is to increase the time it takes to drive the span. Waze and Google Maps etc ALL tell people that taking the 154 is 10 minutes quicker than the 101, and you can see at the northern turn-off that 80% of the Southbound cars now divert off 101 as a result. Adding in a few stop signs along the 154 route, with CHP enforcement, would slow down traffic JUST ENOUGH to have those people anxious to get here quicker NOT choose the 154. Simple. It won't fix the problem of the casino drunks, but a few signs and a few bags of cement is a lot cheaper than a costly government survey and more wasted time and more deaths.**

On Sep 24, 2021, at 11:02 AM, Terry Contreras <[TContreras@sbcag.org](mailto:TContreras@sbcag.org)> wrote:

Please click [here](#) to see the Agenda/Staff Reports for the upcoming meeting of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) **Highway 154 Safety Committee meeting** to be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Per Executive Order N-08-21, issued June 11, 2021, some prior Executive Orders related to COVID-19 still remain necessary to help California respond to, recover from, and mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with Executive Order N-08-21, The SBCAG Highway 154 Safety Committee meeting will be held via teleconference webinar with remote participation only. **Please refer to agenda on methods of participation available to the public.**

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**From:** [Jim Hone](#)  
**To:** [SBCAG Information Requests](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments for Highway 154 Safety Committee  
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:32:54 PM

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Dear Highway 154 Safety Committee,

At the December 19, 2020 meeting public comments recommended a four way stop sign system similar to that installed on Hwy 154 & Edison to be installed at Hwy 154 and Grand Ave./Figueroa Mountain Rd. The Safety Committee reported that this is one of the options being considered and evaluated for this location. Please update the public on the status of the evaluation and consideration for the installation of a four way stop sign system at this location.

The construction of the luxury Spa and Inn at Mattei's Tavern is well underway and being advertised to open in early 2022. The new hotel, new restaurants and wine tasting rooms and relaxing of COVID restrictions will only increase the numbers of tourists and Santa Barbara County residents coming to Los Olivos. As Los Olivos is one of key economic engines in the Santa Ynez Valley it is imperative that the main access from Hwy 154 is as safe as possible by installing a four way stop sign system at this intersection.

I live on Railway Ave. on the North side of Hwy 154. The number of near misses at this intersection between vehicles and/or bicycles seem to be increasing because the number of times vehicle horns are blowing and tires can be heard heavily breaking are increasing. Near misses may not be one of the metrics being measured during the evaluation process because they do not result in an actual accident but they are real and are an indication of a potentially hazardous and deadly condition. Los Olivos visitors and vehicles traveling on Hwy 154 often misjudge the speed of other vehicles coming from the blind curve to the East of the intersection before starting to cross or turn onto Hwy 154.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jim Hone

**From:** [hector garcia](#)  
**To:** [SBCAG Information Requests](#)  
**Subject:** 154 and Armour Ranch Road  
**Date:** Monday, September 27, 2021 11:12:49 AM

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Hello and thank you SBCAG Highway 154 Safety Committee.

I would like to thank you all in attendance and the efforts in making Highway 154 safer for locals and tourist. As a local resident for 34 years I have a great concern at the intersection of 154 and Armour Ranch Road. The Santa Agueda Creek and Santa Ynez River have a meeting point close to this intersection and unfortunately the trees and scrubs at both bridges have grown to the point where incoming traffic is blocked off from cars turning from Armour Ranch Road onto 154. I would like to recommend the committee considers pruning or/and removing the bushes and trees near the bridges and the greenery obstructing the views from the cars on the bridges. Round speed bumps near the intersection would also help alert distracted drivers on the intersection which in addition has no middle turning lane. Please consider adding this intersection to your safety area for highway 154 and keep our loved ones safe.

Anonymous.