

From: [Robin Rothrock](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Meeting, 3/15/22, Agenda item 14.1
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I am opposed to the closing of a portion of Elliott Ave. The impact on our neighborhood will be great.

The staff report includes problem intersections and I don't feel these were truly studied while schools were in session. Specifically, Illinois Ave./Steele Ln./County Center, this intersection is constantly blocked by traffic coming out of the JC and SRHS as students are impatient to get through the light, I have personally had to sit through several lights to cross Steele Ln. from County Center to Illinois due to cars blocking the intersection. Closing Elliott will cause even more traffic at that intersection. The other intersection that is not mentioned in the report is W. College and Morgan which also backs up with both SRHS and JC students trying to exit campus. Armory Dr. is not suited for this volume of traffic and no bike lanes are available. Those who live on our street will be forced to take Armory Dr. to get anywhere in the city.

There have been no major accidents on Elliott Ave., a traffic signal was installed several years ago to help students safely cross at the cost of the city, this will now be useless. I would like to hear what other measures were considered before this was decided. Were speed tables and lowering the speed limit considered?? The city has surveyed residents about other busy streets for traffic calming choices, why didn't this happen??

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From: [Loren McLaughlin](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elliott Ave closure - Traffic chaos, not traffic calming
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Hello fellow Santa Rosa neighbors,

I live on Nordyke Ave south of Steele Lane, and I think the closure of Elliott is a well-intentioned but short-sighted idea. Admittedly, pedestrian safety on Elliott is an important issue, but I think that this proposal will just trade one serious problem (risk to pedestrians on Elliott Ave) for another, which is the increased risk of traffic and pedestrian accidents at the already dangerous intersections nearby. "Traffic Calming" on Elliott will come at the cost of "Traffic Chaos" at Mendo/Steele, Steele/Illinois and Illinois/Armory.

Instead, I propose that the JC install more barrier fences on Elliott, like the one that is already there.

There is no perfect fix, but I feel that additional barrier fences would be much easier, and hopefully as effective.

Why not try the fences first?

Thank you,
Loren McLaughlin