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To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] AGENDA ITEM #13
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Santa Rosa Creek trail is in need of lights to increase public safety. Both Santa Rosa Creek Trail and Joe Rodota trails serve as main corridors for those walking and cycling for transportation. With less and less daylight as we move into the winter street lights are even more important for those communing in the early and late hours.

From: [Jenny Bard](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item #13 Public Comment - Lighting needed on the Greenway
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Dear Mayor Rogers and Council Members,

I am writing about the continuing problem of homeless encampments on the Prince Greenway walking and cycling path between Santa Rosa Avenue and Joe Rodota trail. The Greenway was once the crown jewel of the city, a extraordinary path for residents and visitors alike to enjoy. It is not only a beautiful and architectural wonder to experience, but it is one of the only safe east-west routes for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the city. Now, people stay away as encampments have taken over and the feeling of security is gone. As a long time cyclist, I no longer feel safe walking and cycling alone along this path because I never know what is around the corner. I have spoken with others cyclists who no longer use the trail. It is a tremendous loss for residents and the city.

Now that it is getting dark earlier, the problem is especially acute. The amazing Taco Tuesday ride organized by North Bay Kruzers brings dozens of cyclists on this path weekly (including families and kids being pulled in trailers) on their way to Roseland. Recently, they have experienced the challenges of the encampments in the path and it is too dark to see or ride safely. At a minimum, there should be lighting installed for greater visibility and safety. Just as we have lighting for vehicles on roadways, we need lighting for cyclists and pedestrians. Long term, the city must do more to discourage homeless encampments and restore the corridor to a place of safety for cyclists and pedestrians for whom it was built.

Thank you,
Jenny Bard



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