

From: [Katie Mihelish](#)
To: [Hartman, Suzanne](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Starbucks on College
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 2:11:57 PM

Hello,

I won't be able to attend in person but I live directly behind the proposed location.

What are the extended hours of operation. It's really not enjoyable to sit in your backyard and listen to a drive through all day or when we want to leave our door open on hot days to have to listen late at night or first thing in the morning.

Also, I feel like a line coming into the street right at the corner is a major hazard as that area already has a lot of incidents.

Is there any way it could not be a drive-through?

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From: nels@sonic.net
To: [Hartman, Suzanne](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Project Starbucks Drive Thru - 131 College Ave
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 12:21:26 PM
Attachments: [StarbucksDriveThru.pdf](#)

Dear Suzanne Hartman,
SHartman@srcity.org

August 11, 2026

Project Name: Starbucks Drive Thru
Project Address: 131 College Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Dear City of Santa Rosa,

Until the city of Santa Rosa can guarantee that access to and from 131 College ave will not contribute to congestion for Westbound or East bound traffic on College ave, this citizen will remain opposed to this project.

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PROJECT:

In September of 2023 when this project was initially proposed what was learned from the nearby business that traverse College Ave routinely? The established business in the neighborhood must be included in a decision that has the potential to disrupt their activity.

This is a subset of the businesses in the neighborhood. Santa Rosa City must consider the sensitivity to traffic delays for all the businesses that depend on College Avenue.

- T Force (707) 541-0600 - trucks / UPS freight
- Superior Supplies (707) 546 - 7864 - Large Truck delivering rock, sand, concrete. plus Concrete Trucks transporting time sensitive active concrete to customers
- BoDean (707) 576-8205 Aggregate Supplier - Asphalt hot in dump trucks in quick succession

- Matheson (707) 546-6214 A range of trucks, trailers, bulk tankers.
- Atech - (707) 526-1910 logistics and distribution
- Suburban Propane (707) 542-0833
- Department of Transportation (707) 546-0644

Personal experience:

- Access to 131 College Avenue was difficult when Midis was there due to high traffic flow along the southern edge.
- The turn lane in College Ave is currently occupied by traffic to and from 7-11
- Now that we are moving around town in single file, when we come up to multiple lanes the traffic sprays out darting about unexpectedly.
- Remember - when school starts the amount of cars increase.
- The railroad and pedestrian crossing at the railroad tracks have added to the delays on College Avenue.
- A poor idea in September of 2023 is still a poor idea today - read previous comments below.

Respectfully,

Nels Worden

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----- Original Message -----

Subject:Comment on Project Starbucks Drive Thru

Date:2023-09-30 12:10

From:nels@sonic.net

To:"Suzanne Hartman" <SHartman@srcity.org>

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Dear Suzanne Hartman,
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September 30, 2023

Project Name: Starbucks Drive Thru

Project Address: 131 College Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95401

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PROJECT:

To proceed as described Santa Rosa must prevent interruptions to traffic flow along College Ave.

Until the absence of traffic flow issues is guaranteed by the SR city planners this citizen will remain opposed to this project.

THE PROBLEM:

For Example: The onsite traffic flow as described on the notice of application has entering vehicles crossing over the exiting vehicle's path. This has the potential of stalling entry on to the site backing up vehicles into College Ave.

In addition; The vehicles leaving the site can interrupt traffic merging into the Cleveland Ave North bound turn lane.

Worse is a vehicle attempting the cross over to the West bound lanes to proceed East on College Ave. Such a vehicle will block incoming traffic while waiting for a chance to move. In the morning the East bound vehicle

load is dense. Occasional openings caused by the passing SMART train are

too infrequent to be useful in relieving the pressure of crossover traffic.

In summary: As presented there is a risk of vehicular maneuvering cascade effects resulting in interrupting traffic flow on College Ave if a coffee shop is allowed at 131 College Ave.

The city must be cautious in supporting the ability to get a cup of coffee at the expense of College Ave traffic flow.

Input from the following list of business must be included in the decision of the application for Starbucks drive thru.

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BETTER LOCATIONS

The city should explore better locations that exist along the southern side of College Ave west of the freeway, to support a quick in and out with out disturbing traffic flow.

An example of a better location is the end of Ripley Street behind the 7-11. If occupied by a coffee shop would complement the sale of alcohol, fuel, & snacks at this location, plus reduce the backdoor foot traffic to 7-11 (an improvement to the neighborhood) .

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AT THE SOUTH BOUND 101 TO COLLEGE AVE OFFRAMP

From the right lane of the off ramp arriving to College Ave with the intent to turn west. This is a challenging turn. Vehicles in the center or left lane of the off ramp block vision to the East. The westbound vehicles on College Ave are moving quick to pass the two stoplights east

of the freeway are merging between two to five lanes down to three.

The third lane, a right turn onto Northbound Cleveland is a clear target from many westbound vehicles coming off the Northbound freeway off ramp. These

vehicles are hard to anticipate. With the activation of the 7-11 on the Southside of the intersection there is traffic leaving the store headed west that crosses the entire intersection often pausing in an active lane. This complicates the right hand turn on to College Ave. The turn itself is more than 90 Degrees with limited visibility due to vegetation. The right turn is very active by large trucks as evidenced by the worn off crosswalk paint.

When leaving the freeway I am headed home - not interested in a cup of Coffee.

When headed to the freeway, in the AM, toward work , east on College Ave,
a cup of coffee is welcome possibly worth the risk of crossing College Ave, potentially blocking traffic to do so. Then repeating the transaction to return to the Eastern traffic flow.

As a Santa Rosan, born & raised I will not satisfy a selfish need for coffee at the expense of my fellow citizens. Remember this is the city designed for living - not honking horns and supporting training for the destruction derby.

Thank you for this consideration.

respectfully,

Nels Worden
103 Lincoln St
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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