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I am particularly opposed to the idea of "taking" involved in this project.

1) the taking of property by eminent domain for the Bradford/Ellis intersection of Raymond especially since the street design staff were perfectly comfortable with bringing both Bradford & Ellis out to Raymond. (An alternative design that got shunted aside with no discussion at the SAPCC board hearing in September.)

2) taking of parking for businesses on Raymond (Bradford to Long) especially when at least one business has a huge capital investment with long repayment time in their Raymond location, removing parking is tantamount to removing clientele from this business.

I realize that Raymond is due for some very necessary utility & maintenance work and that the traffic calming project has leveraged some added financial resources (with a narrow window of availability) for the scope of work. Still Raymond Ave work is not mostly to benefit the residents and businesses along Raymond. Raymond is a state & county aid arterial corridor that is among a very few that cross the railroad yards, sidings & main-lines. As such the benefit of maintenance work is to those who have to traverse between Larpenteur/CO.RD.B/Como and University Ave or points south thereof.

These are my concerns/reservations regarding the plan that was the only proposal brought to a vote by SAPCC.

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