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To: citycouncil
Subject: Agenda Item 6B for the Council meeting on March-14, 2023; Auto mall Pkwy development initiative !

Respected Mayor Mei & Councilmembers;
City of Fremont has honor of All-America City Award and many other awards.. Fremont residents are indeed proud of that and, going forward all of us want city to continue to improve and preserve the good reputation,

Fremont community would like to thank you for referring the Auto mall Pkwy development initiative to the Public Works Department for their review. The community support requesting Fremont City Management to consider the long over due development of the Auto mall Pkwy was evident by the petition (attached link) signed by over 230 Fremont residents.

https://www.change.org/p/it-s-time-make-fremont-city-aesthetically-pleasing/dashboard?source_location=user_profile_started

The article (attached link) for the same initiative was also published in the local newspapers.

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/12/31/letters-207/>

There are three major arteries through Fremont from I-880 to Mission Blvd; Mowry, Stevenson, and Auto mall Pkwy. The two in northern and central Fremont have had major upgrades, but our southern Fremont thoroughfare has gotten virtually no attention (ignoring one article saying it has one of " America's Sorriest " bus stop in the Bay Area)

Over the last few years the city has seen some deterioration on the major corridors that connect freeway 880 to 680 - the most traveled not only by the city residents but also by many from the neighboring cities in the Bay Area. Specifically, 880 to 680 via Auto mall Parkway. The wide median on Auto mall Pkwy, mainly between the Fremont Blvd and the Grimmer Blvd has been barren and undeveloped for ages. The proper landscaping of this median has been ignored for years. Driving along the Auto mall Pkwy, depending upon the time of the year, one can not escape noticing the open area with swamp of water in winter and tall weeds in the summer. It looks like a rundown area which is an eyesore.

The whole sight just does not bear well with the silicon valley spirit...the innovation hub of the world.

The community has discussed this initiative, to develop the Auto mall Pkwy median with our District-5 Council member Mr. Raj Salwan, seeking guidance to understand the process of sourcing the fund including getting the federal and state grants for these improvements. Our council member responded by saying, "he like the initiative and he has discussed it with the City management. The City management is looking at it and he is awaiting their feedback and will let us know when he hear more". The community has also communicated the initiative with the City management via several email correspondences and at the Fremont city Council meetings. Recent talks with the elected City officials and high level staff have encouraged us to formally submit this stalled project to the City."

Upgrading Auto mall Pkwy corridor environmentally friendly and low maintenance is what Fremont community is expecting from our City management. It's time now that this corridor gets City

Management's attention and include in this year's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to bring it up to the visual and safety standards of Mowry and Stevenson.

Regards,
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