

December 3, 2021

Derrick Bailey
City Transportation Engineer
City of Santa Barbara
630 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Mr. Bailey,

Per your phone inquiry, I am writing to share Santa Barbara MTD's concerns with regards to extensive queueing in the number two southbound lane on Upper State Street between Hitchcock Way and South Ontare Road.

MTD has a bus stop on that block near the Hitchcock Way intersection and regularly experiences conflicts with queueing motorists mid-block. Our Bus Operators and Operations Supervisors report adverse conditions in that area.

When cars queue in the number 2 lane up ahead from the bus stop, buses need to wait for an opening in traffic to merge over to the number 1 lane, causing delays. Additionally, if the queue is long enough, the bus does not have enough room for the bus to pull away from the curb and get into the number 1 lane.

We would appreciate anything the City can do to resolve this queueing issue and help improve transit circulation in the Upper State Street area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hillary Blackerby".

Hillary Blackerby
Planning and Marketing Manager
Santa Barbara MTD