

Public Comment For City Meetings

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear Public Safety Council Members,

First of all, I support public transportation to defray traffic on IOP from the adjoining communities. However, it was a complete surprise to me to read the recent (and very disingenuous towards IOP) article in the Post and Courier dated May 21st, that the new CARTA bus stop had been relocated without notice or discussion and will be stopping in the heart of an active residential neighborhood (children, families, bikers, visitors, golf carts, surfers) at 9th and Ocean, rather than the previously posted 14 Ave location on the IOP website. That location drop-off was cited there until I called and spoke to city administration to inform them of the error, only days before the program started. No wonder residents were shocked to see a city bus lumbering down both 8th and 9th Avenues, especially considering no public input was sought when implementing this plan.

As a resident on 9th Ave, I witness firsthand the daily traffic congestion related to our Public Beach Parking, including circling the block repeatedly to find a parking spot on a busy weekend. Additionally, it is a main access for emergency services and beach patrol vehicles to reach front beach, as well as providing handicap access. Now a commercial surfing program has been moved to 9th Ave. In the midst of all this, and most concerning, we have children and families laden with coolers and beach chairs walking to the beach, joggers, and folks riding bikes on this neighborhood road, that will now be peering around a CITY BUS to navigate the roads.

It is baffling to see yet another element added to our already stressed 9th Ave beach access point, and a large, commercial city bus at that. Undoubtedly the schedule will be upset by traffic getting on and off the island and folks will not have access to bathrooms, shade, showers and food. What's next - Honeybuckets, commercial food trucks or kiosks, and more commercial structures in the residential neighborhoods?

We all want others to have access to the beach that otherwise might not, as well as encourage ride sharing, but the 14th Ave access drop off location with the County Park and city facilities available nearby makes more sense for everyone.

Finally, as an aside, the bus is not even stopping at the newly installed CARTA bus stop, instead it is stopping in front of a residence at 816 Ocean. That brings to mind another question, who developed and is enforcing this bus route?

Regards,

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It is urgent that the path on 9th street be repaired and or redone. It is dangerous. The mat is uneven and rolls up. When it rains the water puddles. Someone is going to get hurt. And now the shuttle bus is dropping people off at that path. This needs to be addressed ASAP. Most importantly to many of us natives, Dot Hoerr a 97 year old isle of palms resident walks to the beach every single day using that path. Please please make it safe. She is an inspiration to us dog walkers and natives. I suggest you repair the path and make it state of the art in honor of Dot. Name the path the Dot Hoerr walkway and make an occasion of its opening. I assure you, we residents would love to see this walkway made safe.

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