

Hawk Hill Cyclists  
DRAFT email to GGNRA  
By Mark Slavonia, 1/21/2020

**Cyclists:** Attached below is proposed text for a letter of protest to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The GGNRA has been shrinking the space for people who bike on Hawk Hill. Now they've broken their promise to cyclists and moved the bollards from the buffer zone into the already-marginal bike lane, reducing the space for people who bike by 10%.

**Instructions:** use this text as inspiration and alter it as you see fit. Use pictures, stories, links, etc. Email your comments to Darren Brown, the project supervisor for the Hawk Hill redesign. [darren\\_brown@partner.nps.gov](mailto:darren_brown@partner.nps.gov). Send a cc: to the Public Affairs office for GGNRA (, at [goga\\_public\\_affairs@nps.gov](mailto:goga_public_affairs@nps.gov). If you'd like to send a paper copy, the mailing address is:

Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Building 201, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, CA 94123-0022

At this time we do not have the assistance of the San Francisco Bike Coalition or the Marin County Bike Coalition in this effort. If you would like to ask these organizations to hold GGNRA to its commitment to make space for people who bike, you can either contact them directly or cc: them on your note to GGNRA. At SFBC write to Janice Li, Advocacy Director, [janice@sfbike.org](mailto:janice@sfbike.org). At MCBC write to Bjorn Gripenborg, Policy and Planning Director, [bjorn@marinbike.org](mailto:bjorn@marinbike.org)

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am writing to ask for adequate space for people who bike in the Marin Headlands. Please move the bollards on Conzelman Road to the middle of the buffer zone as in the original design and restore 10% of the space that was promised to, and taken from, people who bike.

Hawk Hill is one of the most important recreational cycling routes in the country. Over 400,000 visits have been posted to Strava from more than 40,000 different cyclists. The cars-first redesign of Hawk Hill traffic flows is not an improvement for low-impact, off-peak visitors to the Marin Headlands, and the improper placement of the bollards makes it worse.

The new bike lane pins cyclists in a rock-strewn gauntlet between a hard curb and oncoming traffic, with insufficient room to overtake at the widely varying speeds that cyclists use on this steep route. If there isn't enough room for motor vehicles to travel and to park under the original bollard placement, GGNRA will have to remove parking or reconsider the design rather than further penalize low-impact, off-peak users.

Thank you for your stewardship of the Marin Headlands for all visitors to enjoy.

[Your Name]

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