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This is to support the idea of including Lincoln Ave. in the General Plan as a street to be converted to a "Complete Street" with 2 traffic lanes and one 2-way center left turn lane, with bicycle lanes.

I second the comment submitted by Larry Ames:

<< As I said during public comment, I wish that Lincoln Avenue would be added to the list of streets under consideration for reduction from 4 to 2 lanes of traffic. It is being designated as the "Main Street" that serves the historic downtown neighborhood commercial district of Willow Glen. While it does have to carry a fair amount of traffic, the current four lanes are not optimally configured: in places one lane is blocked by left-turners, other places the other is blocked by parallel-parkers, and the through-traffic is already effectively a single lane that weaves around the obstacles. If Lincoln were converted to one-lane each way, with a 2-way left-turn middle lane and bike lanes along the side, the traffic would move more smoothly and efficiently, the neighborhood commercial district would better serve the local community (by being more accessible by bike), and I would predict that the impact on the through traffic would be minimal. (I'd recommend having the 3-lane configuration run the full length from Almaden Expressway to San Carlos, so as to avoid having a lane of traffic peel off into one local residential street or another.)

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Figure 2.2-18 shows that the Almaden / Vine one-way pair will be decoupled. This will be very beneficial to the local community. However, unless measures are taken in advance, this may result in more of the Almaden Expressway traffic peeling off on to Lincoln. (This is yet another reason for converting Lincoln Ave. into a "complete" street, so as to avoid having the Almaden/Vine improvements adversely affecting an adjacent community!) >>