

**Questions for Candidates:  
Mary Rose Kaczorowski - Fort Bragg City Council**

Thank you for your questions regarding improving the quality of life in Mendocino County. I also want to thank you for all your efforts in promoting walking and biking as a primary transportation choice. Climate Change is here and we can all work together to find solutions to limit vehicles carbon emissions. I have highlighted a few areas that I am concerned with and I wish I could go into more depth regarding consolidation tourist transportation once they arrive on the coast. That is a whole other conversation!

As you know, the City of Fort Bragg and The County of Mendocino have been conducting pedestrian, bicycle and street space surveys. I attended-- as a participant---the October 4<sup>th</sup> **Mendocino County Pedestrian Needs Inventory & Engineered Feasibility Study** community workshop at Fort Bragg Town Hall sponsored by MCOG & the City of Fort Bragg Community Development.

Adding pedestrian and bicycle enhancements has been on my horizon long before my decision to run for Fort Bragg City Council.

My input included voting on and recommending reconfiguration of several key intersections and proposed bike/pedestrian enhancements in Fort Bragg and one area each in Willits and Ukiah. These actions are most important in getting people out of their cars. The walking /bicycling space must feel user friendly, secure and safe to use.

I also advocated for wheelchair and visually impaired residents and visitors. All the traffic light chirp mechanisms must be audible and working. These problems were brought to my attention by the visually challenged or sight impaired residents who live here in town.

I also advocated for the four way traffic light crossings to be switched to a **pedestrian scramble, intersection** where the traffic signal temporarily stops all traffic allowing pedestrians / walking a bicycle to cross an intersection in every direction, including diagonally, at the same time.

I would like to ensure that any new housing and business development includes bicycle friendly areas (overnight storage/bike racks/ etc.) and enhancements.

I reside in the Downtown Business District and I am pleased to see several areas for bicycle parking. I have also observed individual and group bicycling tours utilizing these areas when patronizing local businesses. Many of our State Parks have hike & bike specific camping sites with reduced fees in comparison to a regular campsite.

I would like the City of Fort Bragg to work with businesses outside of the downtown area and encourage them encouraged to provide better-marked bicycle friendly parking areas near their entrances.

MTA Transit has already enabled bicyclists to utilize their transit options with exterior bike racks.

CV Starr and the Rec Center (located in City Hall on East Laurel) have been important to providing physical exercise based recreation for youth. The Mendocino County Recreation District can improve its focus on physical recreation be it indoor and outdoor physical sports activities. I plan to work with other City Council members on additional parks, ball fields, and outdoor/indoor physical recreational facilities.

Since I reside in the downtown area, I often walk rather than use my car for errands.

I would like to use my position as a City Council Member to bring about bicycle storage lockers for those of us who live or work downtown and have no place to store bicycles at night. I do not own a bicycle. I live in a small 2<sup>nd</sup> story apt. that has no available space for bicycles.

I would and have advocated for a uniform Green bike lane route markings and signage that would direct bicyclists off Highway 1/Main Street. For example (example only) direct bicyclist onto Franklin Street and then on to East Laurel to McPherson to Oak Street and then back on Franklin. There are streets that are wide enough to have bicycle lanes without affecting existing parking.

Most important, any bicycle/ pedestrian street enhancements can utilize a uniform color and marking uniform and applicable to all agencies: Caltrans, the County and City.

Caltrans can ideally help with Green bike lane marking and signage on HWY 1.

Development of travel hostels would be ideal and would suffice to meet The Coastal Commission's requirement for a % of visitor services accommodations to be low cost and affordable.

It would be ideal to have local biking groups to mentor bicycle trips for youth through town to historic sites.

There was a City of Fort Bragg Bicycling Master Plan and as a City Council member, I will be sure to review this Master Plan in relation to the Local Coastal Plan and Land Use Plans that the City of Fort Bragg is currently reviewing and revising.