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RE: Bus Turn Around

I have read Katie's letter and she makes many valid points.

The bus out of the parking lot is not going to spare us congestion or less safety issues anymore than it already does. There are many larger vehicles such as landscape trucks with trailers, large construction trucks, trucks with boat trailers, school buses, suburbans etc... I think reconfiguring the parking lot spaces is the best alternative.

When was the last time an engineer did this? and what would be the cost of this? It would be a lot less money and there would be no impact on the natural habitat.

If we are going to remove (7) parking spaces with this turnaround just remove (7) spaces in the parking lot and allocate compact car parking spaces which would definitely make a difference. Surely there is an engineer that has the ability to make this happen.

As mentioned regarding the VTA, the buses are smaller in the day and bigger at sunset. I have been living here and working here in Menemsha now seven or so years, most of the buses are empty. What was discussed with the VTA? The questions at the town meeting and in Katie's letter regarding other options for the VTA were valid solutions regarding re-routing. Menemsha is special. It is a small fishing village not a resort area. You cannot make it bigger. We should be protecting it not destroying it.

I believe Katie's points are valid. The less invasive impact on the environment is the best solution. It should be considered first. A design by an engineer of a reconfiguration of the parking lot should be the first step.

I appreciate all the effort and hard work the town has put into this project but I still do not understand why a design by a professional engineer of the parking lot has not been considered first?

Thank you,

Annette