

Old North Davis Neighborhood Association

February 10, 2018

Mr. Mike Webb
City Manager
City of Davis
23 Russell Boulevard
Davis, CA 95616

Subject: D Street Safety Between 5th and 7th Streets

Dear Mike,

I write on behalf of the Old North Davis Neighborhood Association Board of Directors to seek your assistance in addressing a longstanding concern regarding traffic speeds on D Street between 5th and 7th Streets. As we have communicated periodically during the public comments section of City Council meetings, we have documented numerous accidents and very high speeds from some cars as they travel between 5th and 7th Streets. We worry about future accidents and wish to engage on creative approaches to avoiding such circumstances in the future.

As you are likely aware, as part of the planning for the Fifth Street "road diet" project, consultant meetings were held to develop plan proposals for other traffic calming features in surrounding areas including Old North. With the assistance of Alta Consulting, a plan was transmitted to the City Council which proposed supplemental improvements for the Old North neighborhood. This plan (illustration attached) shows D Street with proposals for both 4-way stop signs, bike lanes, crosswalks and a mini roundabout. Fully recognizing that city resources for major traffic calming projects are limited, yet wanting to pursue actions that can help prevent future accidents due to the high speeds in this corridor we request that you consider the following low cost initial proposals:

1. Implement plan for bike lanes on D Street between 5th and 7th Streets. Such action would recognize this as the major bike corridor it has become as well as reduce the perceived width of traffic lanes. While outside of our Old North boundaries, the plan also recommended shared lane markings on D Street between 7th and 8th Streets.
2. Convert stop signs at 6th and D Street from two-way to four-way stops. We are hopeful that this would reduce north-south speeds.
3. Direct staff to investigate low-cost approaches to construction of an initial mini roundabout at 6th and D Streets, along with cost estimates for a permanent facility. We acknowledge that if implemented, this may alleviate the need for the four-way stop signs.

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4. Request that staff consider other measures within the plan or based on their own expertise to address this issue.

We appreciate your help with this issue and look forward to working together to create a safer traffic corridor. Please let us know what next steps you recommend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marilyn Underwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Marilyn Underwood
President
Old North Davis Neighborhood Association
532 C Street

Attachment: Illustration of Alta Plan presented to City Council

cc: City Council
Public Works Director Clarke

Fwd: Traffic Calming needed in Old North Davis

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Thu 5/17/2018 9:42 AM

To: Molly McCarthy <molmccarthy@ucdavis.edu>; John Meyer <john.meyer@live.com>; Angela Willson <awillson@pacbell.net>; Greg Frantz <gafrantz@mac.com>; Dennis Dingman <rddd@dcn.org>; Steve Tracy <stracy@cal.net>

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Subject:Traffic Calming needed in Old North Davis**Date:**05/17/2018 08:45**From:**Brian Mickelson <BMickelson@cityofdavis.org>**To:**"munderwo@omsoft.com" <munderwo@omsoft.com>**Cc:**Mike Webb <MWebb@cityofdavis.org>, Bob Clarke <BClarke@cityofdavis.org>

Marilyn Underwood

President

Old North Davis Neighborhood Association

532 C Street

Re: D Street Safety Between 5th and 7th Streets

Dear Ms. Underwood,

Thank you for your letter to the City Manager and I apologize for the delay in response. I would like to take the time to respond to some of the issues you have discussed within the letter. We do understand you concerns and would like to work with you and your neighborhood to try to address some of those issues.

We are aware of the concepts that were proposed by the neighborhood during a walk with the 5th Street road diet consultant, Alta Planning and Design. At that point in time these concepts were options the City could pursue and were presented to City Council, however the plan was not an adopted plan for the neighborhood. A lot of the concepts laid out in the plan, if approved at a later date, were to be funded through revenue generated by the addition of a new permitted parking designation in the neighborhood. These could likely be approved and implemented at a future date as we continue to work through the Downtown Parking Improvement Plan.

That being said there are steps we can pursue in advance of that effort. There are some issues in the neighborhood however which need to be considered. Those issues have to do with the aged infrastructure such as pavement conditions and a high centerline elevation, non-compliant ADA curb ramps, and other issues which will affect the design of some of the improvements proposed within the conceptual plan.

For the funding of these features on D Street, the City does have a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program which has \$100,000 allocated annually for traffic calming on a citywide basis. There are currently a significant number of requests in line to be evaluated, however we can add this location to the list. The Bicycle Transportation and Street Safety Commission has recently developed a revised Traffic Calming Program with new criteria which went before Council this week and was adopted, which will allow us to prioritize these requests. Staff will work with the Commission to prioritize all of the traffic calming requests. Yours will certainly be considered through this process and we welcome you and your neighbor's participation in the discussions of this project and the prioritization of it. Due to issues in your neighborhood having been discussed for some time, it seems reasonable to make this request one of the top priorities for evaluation.

I look forward to working with you in this effort. In the meantime, we will add this request to our priority list for potential traffic calming efforts.

Sincerely,

Brian

Brian K. Mickelson, RCE, RTE

Assistant City Engineer/Transportation Manager

City of Davis

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From: Brian Mickelson
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:19 PM
To: John Meyer
Cc: Bob Clarke; Eric Spann
Subject: Old North Inquiry

Good afternoon, John. Based upon previous requests, D Street was placed on our list for traffic calming evaluation. Because the issues have been discussed for some time, I have placed it at the top of that list for evaluation. That being said, with staffing challenges and recent events which have diverted efforts, it will be a while before we can get to the evaluation. I believe we should be able to evaluate the stop sign request and addition of bike lanes by early summer and make recommendations to the BTSSC. For the installation of the stop sign, if approved by Council, that is something that can be accomplished in house as I'm sure you are aware. However for the bike lane striping, that would need to be contracted out as we no longer have striping equipment.

I would be happy to discuss this further with you if you have questions. Have a great afternoon and I will talk to you soon.

Brian

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From: John Meyer <john.meyer@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Bob Clarke <BClarke@cityofdavis.org>
Subject: Old North Inquiry

Hey Bob,

Hope all is well. I write on behalf of the Old North board checking-in on follow-up from your November letter (attached). While parking issues may still be swirling, our folks are quite interested in some low cost approaches to slowing speeds—especially on D Street. Board seems supportive of marking bike lanes on D between 5th & 8th as well as making the Sixth Street intersections four-ways stops. Not sure if those are possible, but would bring goodwill.

Thanks, jm