

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer

Date Submitted: 01/25/2023 08:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain. Wide streets encourage speeding through our neighborhoods and make it dangerous for pedestrians and other forms of mobility, such as electric wheelchairs and bicycles. Let's stop giving our city space to cars and push for more people oriented infrastructure. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 01/25/2023 07:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for considering public input. Clearly a more unified vision around road widths should be baked into our community plans. Please end automatic street dedications/widening immediately. These practices make speeding on residential streets like mine much more dangerous for residents — especially children and mobility limited people. In fact, most streets throughout the city should be narrowed not widened. This is especially true of many residential streets. In some cases, we should be considering one way restrictions to ensure the street's width can accommodate cars, parking, bicycles, and pedestrians. I live merely 1.8 miles from my kindergartner's school — and would really prefer to commute safely while reducing automobile congestion. Unfortunately, dangerous cut through traffic on inconsistent residential streets makes this idea too risky. Thank you for your consideration. Please end spot widening and automatic dedications, and consider a more comprehensive approach within the community plan framework.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosalie Preston

Date Submitted: 01/25/2023 08:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support eliminating the street-widening policy as it reduces the amount of space for sidewalks and trees, discouraging walkability, and also encourages vehicles on wider roads to speed, increasing the likelihood of accidents.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian G.

Date Submitted: 01/24/2023 01:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There are many reasons we should phase out widening and automatic street dedications, including: 1. Wider roads make the City more dangerous, polluted, congested, and costly to maintain. The City's own Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us. 2. Requiring developers to widen roads adds too much to the cost of housing construction. 3. Spot widening has a detrimental effect on our urban forest and often requires street trees to be removed. 4. Wider streets encourage cars to speed through residential neighborhoods. 5. Our streets look poorly designed and incoherent when they are spot widened in just a few places. Our streets should be intentionally planned block by block with a central vision.