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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(27) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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#### Impact Information

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Summary: The Mid City West Neighborhood Council is in full support of ending street widening and automatic street dedications. Please see attached letter.





Spot widening also creates streets designed for drivers, not pedestrians. Sidewalks meander, curb radii are maximized, and crossing distances are lengthened. These streets are more dangerous and confusing to walk along and across.

We are particularly encouraged by the motion's emphasis on pedestrian safety by "minimizing crossing distance" and "promoting curb extensions." In the same way that the Mobility Plan defines the ideal roadway width for each type of street, the report requested by this motion should include the ideal pedestrian crossing distance for each type of street. These crossing distances would serve as guidelines for when curb extensions and other pedestrian safety measures should be required improvements for developers.

Finally, spot widening leads to poorly designed, incoherent streets. The city's streetscape should be intentionally planned block by block and neighborhood by neighborhood, not parcel by parcel with no vision other than widening for widening sake. Ending spot widening will lead to a better designed city that works better for all who use it.

We express strong support for Council File 22-1476 and urge you to pass it.

Sincerely,

Michael Schneider  
Vice Chair, Mid City West Neighborhood Council