

RESOLUTION NO. 09-155, SERIES 2009

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVIS ENDORSING A
“ROAD DIET” TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE FIFTH STREET CORRIDOR
PROVIDING FOR THE RE-CONFIGURATION TO TWO TRAFFIC LANES WITH
CENTER LEFT TURN LANE AND ON-STREET BICYCLE LANES BETWEEN A AND
L STREETS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO UNDERTAKE IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the General Plan calls for a neighborhood-oriented transportation system to encourage a clean, quiet, safe and attractive transportation system that harmonizes with the city’s neighborhoods and enhances quality of life and calls for promoting alternative transportation modes such as bicycling, walking, public transit and telecommuting (Vision #8); and

WHEREAS, the General Plan calls for the development of a traffic calming program and implementation of traffic calming measures, where appropriate and feasible, to minimize the impacts on the use of local streets by vehicular traffic and to maintain, or as necessary enhance, livability of the neighborhoods; traffic calming measures along collector and minor arterial streets shall be considered, where appropriate and feasible, to slow speeds where needed (Policy MOB 1.5); and

WHEREAS, the General Plan establishes a goal to provide attractive streets designed to serve a broad spectrum of travel modes as well as automobiles (MOB 1); and

WHEREAS, the General Plan states that class II bicycle lanes shall be provided along all collector and arterial streets (MOB 1.1e); and

WHEREAS, the General Plan establishes that new intersections and redesign of existing intersections shall maximize pedestrian and bicycle convenience and safety relative to automobile needs (Policy MOB 1.6); and

WHEREAS, the General Plan specifically calls for studying a reconfiguration of Fifth Street between "B" and "L" Streets as a number one priority and to specifically consider a configuration of two traffic lanes with center left turn lane and on-street bicycle lanes (MOB 1.7a & 1.9a); and

WHEREAS, extensive community dialogue has occurred over the last three years with neighborhood associations, the Davis Downtown Business Association, the Davis Chamber of Commerce, various pedestrian and bicycle advocacy organizations, the Bicycle Advisory Commission, the Safety and Parking Advisory Commission, and the community at-large, providing the City with a better understanding of the various opportunities and constraints of implementing an alternative roadway configuration or “road diet” along Fifth Street from “A” to “L” Streets; and

WHEREAS, safety along the Fifth Street Corridor has become an increasingly significant concern to the community at-large, particularly as it relates to bicycle and pedestrian facilities and safety along the corridor; and implementing traffic calming and bicycle and pedestrian safety

enhancements to this corridor, without further delay, is believed to be in the best interest of the overall health, safety, and welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis endorses a “Road Diet” to be implemented on the Fifth Street Corridor providing for the re-configuration to two traffic lanes with center left turn lane and on-street bicycle lanes between A and L Streets, consistent with the City Community Design Funding Program application submitted to SACOG on September 3, 2009 subject to completion of required environmental review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Davis to hereby direct staff to provide a copy of this resolution immediately to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and prepare and return to the City Council at a future meeting with the details for project implementation, including, but not limited to, CEQA analysis, design plans and specifications, costs and necessary budget adjustments, and project implementation timeline.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 8th day of September, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES: Greenwald, Heystek, Saylor, Souza, Asmundson

NOES: None

Ruth Uy Asmundson, Ph.D.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk