



**City of Davis
Notice of Availability and Public Hearing**

The City of Davis **Planning Commission** will conduct a public hearing on the project application, as described below, at a meeting beginning at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2011**, in the Community Chambers, City Offices, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. Please contact the Department of Community Development and Sustainability for the approximate time this item will be heard.

Project Name: Fifth Street Corridor Improvements

Project Location: Fifth Street / Russell Boulevard between A and L Streets, Downtown Davis

**Applicant and
Lead Agency:** City of Davis

Project Description:

This project will create a "road diet" on the arterial adjacent to central Davis. The existing 3,900 foot segment of Fifth Street / Russell Boulevard from A Street to L Street has four travel lanes, curb to curb, with no bicycle lanes. The street is named "Fifth Street" east of B Street; it is Russell Boulevard west of B Street. Currently bicycle lanes or bicycle paths exist at both ends of this segment of the corridor: from Fifth Street to Mace Boulevard at the east edge of Davis; and on the south side of Russell Boulevard to Stevenson Creek Road west of the City.

Reducing the number of travel lanes will provide room, within the existing right-of-way, for Class II bicycle lanes through the corridor. This project will add medians, turn pockets, and bicycle lanes between A and L Streets. New 8-phase traffic signals will be installed at the intersections of F and G Streets, and the existing signals at A, B and L Streets will be modified to accommodate the new lane configuration. New access ramps will be installed at all corners throughout the corridor with marked crosswalks to enhance pedestrian crossings. Pedestrian crossing lights are also being considered for the intersections of D and J Streets.

The project includes a text amendment to the Core Area Specific Plan to reflect the lane changes on Fifth Street. The Planning Commission's recommendation on the text amendment will be forwarded to the City Council for final action.

Environmental Determination:

The City has prepared an Initial Study under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. The Initial Study concluded that all potential impacts of the proposed project could be mitigated. Mitigation measures in the areas of Biological Resources, Hazards, and Transportation/Circulation are proposed. A Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared.

Availability of Documents:

The project application file is available for review at the Department of Community Development and Sustainability, Planning Division, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California, 95616. Staff reports are available through the Planning Commission's website at: <http://cityofdavis.org/meetings/agenda.cfm?c=12>. Staff reports for the public hearing are generally available five (5) days prior to the hearing date and may also be available by contacting the project planner.

Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting or send written comments to Katherine Hess, Community Development Administrator, at the City of Davis, Department of Community Development and Sustainability, 23 Russell Boulevard, Suite 2, Davis, California, 95616; or via email at: khess@cityofdavis.org, no later than 12:00 p.m. the date of the meeting. For questions please call Katherine Hess at (530) 757-5652.

The City does not transcribe its proceedings. Persons who wish to obtain a verbatim record should arrange for attendance by a court reporter or for some other acceptable means of recordation. Such arrangements will be at the sole expense of the person requesting the recordation.

If you challenge the action taken on this matter in court, the challenge may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence to the Director of Community Development and Sustainability or City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Ken Hiatt, Director
Department of Community Development & Sustainability