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AIRPORT COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**AUGUST 28, 2024**

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AFTER  
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**Item # 3**

**ACT 24-058**

**Proposed Plan for the D Street  
(East of 2nd Street) Traffic  
Calming Project**

From: Calvin Lin [redacted] >  
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 12:37 AM  
To: Colin Patterson <[Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov)>  
Cc: Calvin Lin [redacted] >  
Subject: D Street Traffic Calming project

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Hello Colin,

My name is Calvin and I live on D Street. Yes, it's about time we do something with the speeding traffic. Since the ten years I live on D Street, I have witnessed 3 car crash accidents between 2nd and 5th. The drivers take advantage of the down hill slope and don't bother to slow down. I'm sure there are more than 3 accidents in the past in that part of the street and I appreciate that Hayward is reaching out to make a change.

I read your project proposal and curious about "Raised Medians" you mentioned. Are they speed bumps? If so, that's great. If not, why not?

Also will there be a Stop signs installed on D and 4th Street? If not, why not?

I think the bike lanes are good idea but how is that going to work if people park their cars in the street?

I will also try to attend the meeting on the 28th.

Thanks in advance for returning my messages.

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From: C lin <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 5:08 PM  
To: Angel Groves <[Angel.Groves@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Angel.Groves@hayward-ca.gov)>  
Cc: Calvin Lin <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Comments and suggestions on Item 3 - D Street Traffic

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Good afternoon,

I'm writing to provide the following comments and suggestions on the D Street Traffic Calming project.

My name is Calvin Lin. For the past 10 years living on D Street (between 4th), I have witnessed 3 car crash accidents causing personal injuries. I myself also have hard time pulling out of my driveway due the down hill speedy traffic. I often have to leave my emergency blinking lights on in order to get pass. Very often it is the drivers visibility - they can not see cars pulling out.

Thus it's imperative to slow down the traffic on that section of the street. I appreciate that city is taking action on it.

After I read through the project details, I believe the proposal is NOT effective and it's a waste of tax payer's money. Simply install a center divide will not slow down the traffic.

City should install speed humps or stop signs along that section of street. This is only way to really slow down the traffic. Simply install a bike lane will not do the job - it's in fact dangerous for the cyclists.

Previously I have heard many times the argument that D Street is artery route, thus stop signs can not be installed there. I believe this is totally false. If an artery route does not qualify for stop sign installation, this route does NOT qualified as an Artery route!

An artery route means traffic can go through faster and it's purpose to provide mainly convenience for people. However, if the route is unsafe - people can be injured or even killed, it is after all not that convenient anymore, correct? People want to go fast, people do not want to die fast!

I realize that it is City's job to provide an artery route, but it is also City's job to eliminate hazard roads, correct? Please keep in mind people's safety should always take the precedence of any thing else. Please tell voters if you believe otherwise.

50 years ago, the Department of Transportation had an intent to make D Street a local Highway then they realized that it is not practical nor safe. Thus they abandoned the plan. I believe the concept of "artery route" was an inherent from back then. Yet, back then, there were fewer people and much fewer cars. Today's cars have less noise and can push faster much easier, especially going down hill. If the state can realize their mistake and change the plan, why can't the City?

I urge the City to reconsider this section of D street staying as an "artery route" or "local highway" if a Stop sign can not be installed. Life is more important than peoples convenience.

In short, you can't ask people to slow down, you have to \*force\* them to slow down. Install street humps or stop signs are the only solution!

Thank you for reading.

**From:** Kira miller <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** August 24, 2024 at 1:07:40 PM PDT

**To:** Kathy Garcia <[Kathy.Garcia@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Kathy.Garcia@hayward-ca.gov)>, Tyler  Colgett

[REDACTED]

**Subject: D street calming project comment**

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Hi kathy, this is Kira and Tyler, we are residents that live off of Clay Street between fourth and fifth Street coming off of D St. We would both like to attend the calming project meeting on the 28th. However, neither one of us is currently available to go in person, although we do have a lot of opinions and concerns and will be attending virtually as this is very important to us. We live off of clay, which gets massive amounts of traffic, coming off of Hayward high traffic and people who just haul butt down our street because they think it's a quicker route off of D St. I want to submit a comment and I know that there is a person to reach out to about this.

We would like it known, that calming between fourth and sixth Street is although helpful, not always helpful with the people who take Clay Street to go up and down the hill at exuberant speeds. We also don't have a sidewalk going up or down clay and we have a lot of students who walk up and down clay every single day because it's a safer route than D St. we also have students who take the bus that are right around us and the stop is right at the corner of fifth Street and the students use this route regularly to go up and down the road to get to the school or to get home. We also have a six-year-old boy who plays and we want to make sure that he is safe, and people do not seem to care that there are people who actually live on these roads when they are driving up and down them. With regard to the Lane, configurations, I am concerned about the fact that they want to narrow the driving lanes, as we already have completely full sidewalk parking with all of the people that live up and down D St. Narrowing, this would just make for more car accidents with those cars that are parked up and down D St.

Kira

**From:** Eleanor G. Lee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 11:15 AM  
**To:** Colin Patterson <[Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Clarification Needed - D Street Traffic Calming Project

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Dear Colin -

Regarding the proposed D Street Traffic Calming Project, I would like to gain some clarity before the August 28th City Hall meeting...

The diagram indicates a Median is proposed to be placed in the middle of D Street where it appears to meet Beaver Drive.

Beaver Drive is the Main Entrance road In and Out of the Eucalyptus Park HOA complex of 99 total households - 54 townhouses and 45 condominiums. Many of these working households have more than one motor vehicle. Additionally, multiple commercial delivery trucks come in/out throughout the day. And the vast majority of the vehicles exiting Beaver are needing to Turn Left on to D Street towards downtown. The Median in the diagram appears to impede or block vehicles from doing this.

Can you kindly clarify if the Median will impede or prevent vehicles from turning Left on to D Street as they exit Beaver Drive?

If it will not, is there a clearer diagram to show exactly how cars exiting Beaver will not be prevented from Turning Left on to D Street?

If the Median is intended to impede or block vehicles exiting Beaver Drive from turning Left onto D Street... What are drivers/vehicles expected to do? Turn Right and then make a U-Turn on D Street which poses a dangerous risk to both the drivers and others on the road.

How can someone attend the August 28th Committee Meeting? Is there a Comments from the Public section in the meeting? Anyway to attend virtually via Zoom and be able to voice concerns to the Committee?

I look forward to receiving your answers to the questions posed.

Thank you for your kind assistance,

Eleanor G Lee

Eucalyptus Park HOA

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From: Esther Han [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hayward-ca.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 10:15 PM  
To: Colin Patterson <Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov>  
Subject: Re: D St Traffic Calming Project

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Hi,

I got a letter on the mail about the project. I live in the corner of High St and D St, so definitely support this project as I can hear cars speeding 24/7 and there's been more accidents than usual.

I wanted to bring up to your attention the situation of High St. We have a very high volume of traffic as well due to All Saints school and church. To get to the parking lot people use D St and turbo into High St. And to exit church/school they go from High St turn left into D St. Which makes getting in/out of High St (no exit street) almost impossible.

It would be great if in D St at the level of High St there's signs on the road to "Keep Clear", so traffic getting out of High St into D St can actually exit easier.

Thank you for reading this email and I hope this petition gets considered since it would be writhing the limits of the project.  
If there's any questions around this I'd be happy to help.

Esther



**From:** Gerry Smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2024 3:16 PM  
**To:** Colin Patterson <[Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: d street calming plans

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Hi Colin, thanks so much for responding. As I said, since a lot of the folks who use D do not live in/near D, they don't see it as a neighborhood -- it's just a way to get from their home to somewhere else. For this reason, narrowing the street will only cause frustration, which in Hayward seems to inevitably translate to more aggressive driving, not less.

Has anyone considered installing traffic signals at 4th or 5th, and at either 6th or 7th? This might be another way to actually get people to SLOW DOWN.

**From:** Gerry Smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 12:40 PM  
**To:** Colin Patterson <[Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** d street calming plans

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Hi, I live on Clay street, just off D and 5th, and have to use D street to get...anywhere, really. I've lived here 12 years and can assure you that your plan is a horrible waste of city dollars. The bike lane is a great idea, but the rest of it won't work -- people will still speed up and down D street.

The ONLY thing that will address "calming" is the installation of speed bumps along D street. Not just one bump, but several. Otherwise you're wasting our money.

From: Hayes Morehouse <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 12:51 PM  
To: Hugh Louch <[Hugh.Louch@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Hugh.Louch@hayward-ca.gov)>  
Subject: Suggestions for D Street traffic calming

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Hi Hugh,

I wanted to let you know that I'm planning on attending tonight's meeting regarding traffic calming on D Street. I live at 7th and D and it's exciting to see some of these changes being proposed. I have a few other things I'd like to suggest be added to the plan and I wanted to give you a heads up before I show up at the meeting.

- 1) Consider adding more crosswalks at 3rd, 4th and 6th streets. These blocks are pretty long on this street so I think it would be good to be able to more safely cross.
- 2) I often turn left at 4th on to D. I have to pull pretty far into the intersection to see cars coming from the right. I think it would be good to add a short no parking section on the north/uphill side of D where it approaches 4th.
- 3) I'd also like to inquire if there's a plan for upgrading 4th street between A and D. The section between D and C is pretty dangerous for pedestrians because there's no sidewalk on either side. In addition, sometimes parked cars partially block the road so drivers need to go into the oncoming lane to navigate the street.

Again, I'm generally excited about the project. I like the uphill bike lane idea (though, of course, I would also like to have a way to safely bike from my house to downtown. There's no route between this neighborhood and City Hall in either direction).

See you tonight! Thank you!

Hayes Morehouse  
[REDACTED]

From: Mark Batenburg [REDACTED] >  
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2024 3:31 PM  
To: Colin Patterson <[Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov)>  
Subject: D Street project

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I live on D Street at 6th, and am happy to hear of your efforts at traffic calming. The street has become like a racetrack the last few years. With nothing to slow down drivers between 7th and 2nd, it has gotten downright scary, especially because there's a school crossing in between. Come over on Sundays when it becomes a favorite motorcycle raceway.

What I want to point out is something your plan probably can't address: there is zero traffic enforcement on our street anymore. Years ago, there were officers with radar who would stop people and give them tickets. That hasn't been true for years. And those "This is how fast you're going" signs are meaningless without enforcement. There's already one between 7th and 6th and it does nothing to slow down traffic because no one ever gets a ticket. Maybe you could work with HPD on this?

Thank you for your work!

Mark Batenburg  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Misa Gibson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024 6:49 PM  
**To:** Colin Patterson <[Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** D Street Traffic Calming Project

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Hello Colin,

I have just received this letter and I am glad that this is a concern that is being looked at. The design looks to have many concepts that can help us here on D Street. But, I would like to ask about the possibility of implementing speed bumps on the street here as well. For someone who has children here near the intersection of D street and second street, I believe we need something more drastic to reduce speeding cars that are trying to make it each way to proceed through the stop light. There have been so many vehicle accidents right in front of my house including one of my own cars not to have something a little closer to that dangerous intersection. Even if it is unfeasible to obtain speed bumps is there an alternative suggestion for excessive speeders going under the stoplight?

Thanks,  
Misa Mar

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**From:** Mohammad Homaifard <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 11:39 AM  
**To:** Colin Patterson <[Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Tiega-Noel Varlack <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Traffic issue for drivers on Kings Court, Hayward to D-Street

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Hi,

The primary issue is the view of the left side when you drive out of Kings court. The red curbs take good care of the right-side and also the fact that car driving downhill at higher elevation that Kings court street provides a good view on the right side but the primary issue is the view of the left side.

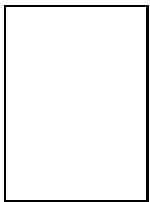
On the left view; the problem is we have to pull further from Kings court in D street to be able to see the cars coming up from the left side (red arrow) and by the time we see the car coming, we are stuck in the middle of the street. In addition, cars never stop even if they see you in the middle because driving from left to right is uphill and they've already sped up to pass it. Basically the cars parked on the left side of the street always mask the cars coming up and this is not a case for right side view.

Maybe putting a combination of bumper and mirror can resolve the issue. Bumpers can be installed on D street on the left side of Kings court prior to 6th street as shown in purple for drivers to slow down and then mirror would help to have a sightline on the left side before pulling to the middle of D-street .

I'm mainly providing the issue here and hear noise of quick break sometimes and I believe there were some accidents recently as well. I think the Kings court intersection should be added into the list below for safety enhancement.



Thank you,



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**From:** Pamela Ybañez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 18, 2024 9:58 AM  
**To:** Colin Patterson <[Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** D street project

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Hi Mr. Patterson,

I received the info about D street calming project. My feedback as a resident who lives on Clay St. (just behind D Street) is to add a stop sign on 5th and D. That seems like it would slow traffic down significantly. The idea of a bike lane sounds great. Also if your going to keep the crosswalk for Faith Ringgold elementary students adding a button to activate crossing lights sounds great.

Thanks,

Pamela Ybanez  
she/her pronouns

From: Yvonne Dardenne [redacted] <[redacted]@[redacted]>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 6:06 PM  
To: Hugh Louch <[Hugh.Louch@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Hugh.Louch@hayward-ca.gov)>  
Cc: Colin Patterson <[Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Patterson@hayward-ca.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Council Infrastructure & Airport Committee Meeting

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Dear Mr. Louch,

Thank you for this response. I've thought about the classification of D street being a minor arterial and as such not being able to have speed bumps. Residential street classifications apparently allow speed bumps. I also understand that changing street classifications is an involved process. Question: Why doesn't the City have direct control over classifying its own city streets?? That doesn't make sense to me.

However: I argue that the appropriate and correct classification for D St. in this 0.75 mi. of D St. between 2nd St. and City limits is residential. This is my reasoning.

1. The houses and apartment buildings lining both sides of this D St. stretch are residences as well as both sides of the extension of D into the Fairview district.
2. The feeder streets joining D St. on the east side, specifically Clay St., Kings Ct., 7th St. east of D., and Beaver Dr. are residences whose only entrances and exits are from D St.
3. All the joining streets on the west side of D are lined with residences.

Therefore, I claim that D St. is a part of a residential neighborhood and therefore would appropriately be classified as a residential street.

This D St. Calming Project needs to get results! I maintain the only effective way is to install speed bumps. If that means reclassifying D as a residential street, then that is what has to be done.

I read on the website it is possible for people to attend the meeting on 8/28 online. I would like to. Would we be able to make verbal comments if online?

Thank you.  
Yvonne Dardenne

p.s. I did send my original e-letter to Councilwoman Andrews, too. Here is the explanation.

Dear Councilwoman Andrews,  
Please see this letter to you which I mistakenly made an error in your email address the 1st time.



Thank you,  
Yvonne Dardenne

On Aug 21, 2024, at 5:12 PM, Hugh Louch <[Hugh.Louch@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Hugh.Louch@hayward-ca.gov)> wrote:

Ms. Dardenne,

I wanted to let you know that Transportation staff did receive the email you sent to Mayor Salinas, Councilmember Syrop and Director Ameri. We appreciate your interest in the D Street Traffic Calming project and your desire to reduce speeds. We will address your request for speed humps during the meeting, but because you indicated you may not be able attend, I wanted to provide an initial answer here.

The City Council policy on speed humps (which is based on national best practices) does not allow installation of speed humps on streets that are classified as arterials. D Street is classified as a minor arterial and as a result staff working on this project have focused on alternative methods to help reduce speeds and make pedestrian crossings safer.

City staff are interested in reviewing our street classifications, but that is an involved process with many partners and approvals outside of the City's direct control.

Thanks again for your correspondence,

Hugh Louch  
City of Hayward  
Deputy Director of Public Works - Transportation  
Phone: 510-583-4781



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Yvonne Dardenne <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** August 20, 2024 at 6:06:54 PM PDT  
**To:** Kathy Garcia <[Kathy.Garcia@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Kathy.Garcia@hayward-ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Council Infrastructure & Airport Committee Meeting

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Dear Kathy Garcia,

Re. D Street Traffic Calming & Implementation

I live on Clay St. which intersects with D St. I have already sent an email to the Councilmembers and Alex Ameri. I received this response from George Syrop. In it he says he will make sure Public Works is aware of my comment.

Thank you for your letter Yvonne,

I live close by on 7th St. and appreciate you advocating for traffic calming in our neighborhood! I'm sorry to hear you were injured in the past by reckless driving and I will make sure Public Works is aware of your comment.

In community,

George Syrop  
Council Member, City of Hayward  
510.432.3545

Kathy, wish to send you an email by 1:00 on Aug. 28th about this. The website says:

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Send an email to [kathy.garcia@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:kathy.garcia@hayward-ca.gov) by 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please identify the Agenda Item Number in the subject line of your email. Emails will be compiled into one file, distributed to the Council Infrastructure & Airport Committee and City staff, and published in the City's Meeting and Agenda Center under Documents Received After Published Agenda.

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Please advise.

Thank you  
Yvonne Dardenne

