

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. 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. Requiring developers to widen roads adds too much to the cost of housing construction and spot widening has a detrimental effect on our urban forest and often requires street trees to be removed. Wider streets encourage cars to speed through residential neighborhoods. 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.

Communication from Public

Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Council File ; 22-1476 Regarding street widening as related to adding new higher density housing construction; It would be advisable to require such widening to go along with adapting higher residential housing in order to provide additional parking for guests or service vehicle parking for example to go along with the higher density land use. The additional parking would be in the form of diagonal to the curb as opposed to being parallel with the curb. More than twice the parking can be obtained in that geometry. Additional tree planting should also go along with such street adaptation to expand or maintain the tree canopy for the residential zone. And with the additional street space there could be other useful improvements with the additional street space given the particular location. Such approvals would continue to go along with planning approvals as is required with gaining a building permit for the increased residential density that is proposed. This is usually the case that can be improved when the zoning goes from a R-1 to a R-3 designation. Higher zones and large projects require further planning consideration including on site improvements to make a larger construction of density be made so it is an improvement to the community.