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Date: Monday, February 05, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION Tuesday, February 06, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.1 – 31st Street Bikeway Connection to 33rd Street Shared-use Pathway Functional Plan [TS2024-0204]

Comments:

To Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation,

I support the city administration's plan to create a connecting active transportation route between the 31st St. Bikeway to the 33rd St. multi-use path, and would like to see their recommendations sent to city council for approval. I regularly ride this route, both to commute to work and for recreation. At present I follow Option 3 (from Appendix 2) as it is a bike-friendly paved path with the least traffic to navigate. I note that the recommendation to the Committee will be Option 5. Of the 5A and 5B options, 5B would be preferable as it provides additional physical separation between street-traffic and the shared-use path.

A concern I have with Option 5 is joining the path while travelling East-bound on 31st St. It would appear that to get onto the path, I would need to proceed through the intersection and immediately turn across West-bound traffic, which could mean stopping in a driving lane immediately after crossing Idylwyld Dr.; if there is traffic following me, this would cause them to be stopped across Idylwyld. It is also likely that a following vehicle would not be expecting me to stop, which adds risk to me. If there is traffic at this intersection while I am trying to navigate it, it is likely then, for my safety, I would revert to following Option 3, as I would ride past the traffic, between Harry Bailey and the EA Davies Building. Going down this path, my choice then would be to backtrack to Idylwyld to get on the pathway or to navigate the parking lot as I have done in the past.

Even with these concerns, I believe this kind of connection is vital for a modern city that is keen to integrate current infrastructure into a safer, more continuous, and more accessible network for all modes of travel.

Sincerely,

Evan Cole
Ward 1

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