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Subject: D Street Traffic Calming
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Dear Mayor McDonnell and Councilmembers:

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As an extension of this quick build, SCBC would ask that the city consider any additional traffic calming measures necessary to ensure vehicle speeds of 25 mph on D Street.

We know there has been opposition from residents who are concerned about the loss of parking this project would involve. We commend the city for demonstrating that existing parking is only used about 14 percent of the time. Arguments that the city needs to maintain parking for use during Butter and Eggs Days and other once-a-year events are shortsighted and do nothing to encourage mode shift, a critical element in achieving the city's ambitious greenhouse gas-reduction goals.

Sincerely,

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