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To:	-- City Council; -- City Clerk
Subject:	Comment on Active Transportation Workshop and D Street
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Dear Mayor McDonnell and Councilmembers,

I live just off D St and walk along/across it whenever I am on foot. The safe crosswalks and bike lanes I saw in the proposed plans would be very welcome in calming the traffic.

Before school lots of hurrying children need to cross D St just at a time when many people are anxiously driving to work—not a safe combination.

I am sorry some people might lose parking exactly in front of their houses. But I think that there would still be enough parking for the street in general and, with the new crosswalks, they could safely cross if they had to park across the way.

My understanding of the first step is that you'd paint the new crosswalks and bike lanes to try it out before making it permanent. Please do that. It's worth a little paint to see how this plan would work out.

Please support our city staff's vision for improved bike/mobility lanes on D Street as part of the D Street Traffic Calming Quick Build project. Ideally D Street would have physically protected bike/mobility lanes for all ages and abilities, in line with our policies. A compromise of unprotected Class II lanes is a fair step in that direction. The city's parking studies show how underutilized the on-street parking is (average of 14% used). Please reallocate some of those empty parking spots into safe bike/mobility lanes that tens of thousands of Petalumans, from kids to seniors, will enjoy.

Improved infrastructure like this will encourage active transportation throughout our town. Walking, cycling, and rolling are fun and healthy ways to navigate our city while reducing car trips (helping to meet our Climate 2030 goal). Please improve this infrastructure for our future generations.

Thank you,
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