

City of Petaluma  
City Council Members

Hi Council Members,

I reviewed your very extensive Staff Presentation RE: ATP planning item listed on this evening's agenda, and commend our City staff on it's completeness, and detail. We are lucky to have such a group!

I do however, want to bring up one item, which is near and dear to my heart... the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Blvd concept, currently known as the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Greenway Quick Build. This is currently listed on page 46 of the Active Transportation Workshop, as in "Design" phase.

PBAC started talking about this concept way back in **March, 2019**, when the Petaluma Blvd South project design was first presented to us. At this point, we recognized a need for safe alternatives to the Blvd's heavy and fast traffic flow. When Covid first hit and we were to confine ourselves to our homes, we all noticed the huge increase in bike riders, and pedestrians as we struggled with the health mandates. **2020**, Slo Streets came into being, and proved to be a real hit with Petalumans. And right alongside... the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Blvd idea was resurrected. In **2020**, when it came time to vote to push the Petaluma Blvd South final project design to the Council, PBAC membership agreed only if there were an alternate, parallel, safer and user friendly route proposed... The 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Blvd concept was gaining some teeth. In the ensuing years, Staff came up with, and presented to PBAC a Bike Blvd design, which we hammered out, and finally agreeing to. The project was designed, and shovel ready, by my standards, so...

Why is this project still listed in the "design" phase? It's been in our sites for 4 years. What are we waiting for?

Thanks for all you do! Together, Petaluma is making it happen!

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