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From: Grace King <gracekking@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 6:58 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Item #14 Update on the Barrio Traffic Circles Project and Selecting a Traffic Calming Option for Two of the Eight Intersections

Good evening,

I'm writing because I won't be able to attend the meeting on January 9th but wanted to provide feedback on the Magnolia and Madison prospective changes. My family lives on Madison between Magnolia and Chestnut.

I'd like to encourage the extended curb and crosswalks with more visibility. It seems if there was a median inserted at this spot the inability to turn left onto Magnolia from Madison would be problematic and potentially cause traffic issues elsewhere. If somehow the proposed median *wouldn't* prohibit the left turn there, it could also be a good option. But definitely best not to shut down that left.

Thank you for your consideration!

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From: EB Sladek <eb.sladek@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 8:16 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Kevin Sladek
Subject: Public Comment on Item #14 Update on the Barrio Traffic Circles Project and Selecting a Traffic Calming Option for Two of the Eight Intersections

Dear City Council,

As decade-long residents of the Barrio, we would like to provide our input on the options for traffic calming at the intersection of Madison and Magnolia. We live on Madison Street and have had two elementary schoolers walking to and from Jefferson Elementary on a daily basis for years, so we are very familiar with this intersection and supportive of the overall effort to improve pedestrian safety here and throughout the Barrio.

Considering the two choices, curb extension vs median creation, we find the former to be the clearly superior and **we are strongly in favor of the curb extension option.**

In the staff's report, there are far more pros for the curb extension option over median creation, all of which we agree with. The increased cost, time, and loss of parking spaces that the median option would incur are important factors. The biggest of these from our perspective is the significant loss of street parking. As the city study indicates, there are already times where this intersection is a "hot spot", even without factoring in the additional development happening in this neighborhood (the apartments being completed across the street from Jefferson Elementary and multiple new builds and additions on lots throughout the neighborhood -- for instance at 558 Chestnut, 3450 Jefferson, 3535 Madison, and 786 Palm).

Without a clear understanding of where exactly the medians would go, we see two additional possible downsides:

1) A median on Magnolia only (and not on Madison) would NOT improve the large crossing from the NE to NW corner of this intersection. It could also make left turns from Madison onto Magnolia even more difficult (if not impossible). This left turn is a vital part of the flow of traffic in our neighborhood. We and our neighbors turn left from Madison onto Magnolia multiple times per day -- coming to and from work, to and from Vons, to and from soccer practice, etc. Eliminating this option or making it a more difficult turn would be a poor outcome for the neighborhood.

2) If medians were added both to Madison and to Magnolia at this intersection, it would make an already challenging intersection even more fragmented. Yes, pedestrians would have a place to rest midway across the street, but it would mean drivers would have to look in MULTIPLE different places for pedestrians potentially attempting to scamper across the road.

We also would hope to see one additional benefit from the curb extension option, which is improving the visibility for drivers turning from Madison onto Magnolia. The current location of the stop line on Madison and the angle of the streets makes it very hard to see crossing traffic past the cars parked on Magnolia. Please consider ways the curb extension geometry might improve visibility for drivers!

For all these reasons, **we are strongly in favor of the curb extensions** at this intersection and hope that the City Council sees the wisdom of the Transportation Director/City Engineer's recommendation in favor of this option.

Thank you,
Emily and Kevin Sladek