

B Street Conversion

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San Rafael City Council
City Hall
1400 Fifth Avenue
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Dear City Council,

I am unable to attend the city council meeting tonight, but I want to speak in support of the B Street conversion to a two way street--and, in addition, urge the council to prioritize pedestrian and bike safety in planning the project.

Changing B Street from one way to a two way street is likely to improve traffic flow for all modes and improve access to local businesses, but at the same time, adequate planning for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is essential. For example, I have observed how cars driving south on B Street from Mission often pick up speed on the downhill, definitely exceeding the speed limit not a safe scenario with busy Fourth Street at the bottom of that hill. I often attend films at the Rafael Cinema and have personally felt concerned that cars may not stop for me or may stop too slowly as I am crossing B Street from further west on Fourth. Given that the street has been designated a "Pedestrian Priority Route" in the Downtown Precise Plan, I hope that the city council will plan for some traffic calming measures, such as bulbouts and possibly greater seating areas for restaurants and cafes, especially with the new hotel opening nearby. I am 72 years old, but since buying an e bike, I am biking more often downtown to go to restaurants and cafes, do shopping, visit the library and attend the cinema. My hope is that the council will use this traffic flow conversion as an opportunity to develop a safer multi-use north-south connection through the middle of downtown.

Thank you for your work and for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,
Janet Zanetto

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