



February 2, 2010

Fritz McKinley
Director
Building & Development Services
City of Chico
P.O. Box 3420
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Dear Fritz,

On behalf of the Chico Velo Cycling Club Board of Directors, I wish to thank Bob Greenlaw and Wyatt West for their presentation on the Downtown 1st and 2nd Street Couplet project at the Velo Board meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

The Velo Board is extremely impressed with the stakeholder input process and is grateful to be included in the discussion. Board members are pleased with the priority given to cyclists during this crucial design phase and hope to have additional opportunities to provide input.

Positive elements and areas of concern are highlighted below. The Velo Board wishes to continue to advise on the areas of concern:

Positive elements of the couplet project:

- City of Chico staff giving cyclists more input/priority in planning process.
- City of Chico staff working with Chico State University to accommodate bicyclists.
- Painted bike lanes.
- Some Board members generally approve the controls at the 1st/2nd/Flume roundabout.
- Road diet from 2nd Street to Chico State Campus.
- Good flow down, and treatment of, 2nd Street.
- 2nd Street as one-way is favorable to some Board members.
- Possible bike path along edge of Children's Park.

Areas of concern:

- One-way streets are generally not favorable for cyclists nor overall.
- Intersections and circulation on a bicycle downtown may lead to traffic problems, circuitous trips, and longer stops.
- Possible conflict between the bike lanes and loading/unloading beer trucks downtown.
- Diagonal parking is generally not good for cyclists but the plan showing diagonal parking opposite the painted bike lanes is acceptable.
- 1st Street as one-way makes it more difficult for cyclists to leave campus traveling north via 1st.
- The roundabout at 1st & 2nd Street is problematic to some Board members.
- 1st and Salem issues need further attention.

The Board feels that most areas of concern can be resolved through further targeted discussion. Please keep us informed of the public workshop schedule so that we can attend future presentations. If there are opportunities for direct input for one of more of the Velo Board members on any of the issues listed above please advise.

Overall, the Board applauds the complete streets approach and looks forward to further implementation on other downtown streets such as Main and Broadway to increase safety for cyclists through downtown.

Thank you, again, for your inclusion of Chico Velo Cycling Club in this important planning process.

Best regards,

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Katie Simmons
Executive Director
Chico Velo Cycling Club
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January 29, 2010

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Fritz,

I would like to lend my support to the 1st & 2nd Street couplet project. As a downtown Chico business owner for over 22 years, I am very excited about what I view to be positive changes this project will provide.

Please let me know if I can help in any way in moving this project forward.

Sincerely,



Michael Thomas
Owner

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Dear Fritz McKinley,

On Monday January 25, Wyatt West presented the City's plan of redesigning the traffic flow in downtown Chico at a meeting of the Butte Bicycle Coalition. With the opportunity to see the plan drawings and ask questions, most of the group showed positive support for the proposal.

We were impressed with the number of bike lanes that would be added to the downtown area and enthusiastically support the idea of colored pavement to delineate the lanes.

The road diet narrowing the traffic from 4 to 3 lanes from Broadway to Walnut (with the middle lane for turns) would enhance bike access to CSU Chico, and the reduction to 2 lanes on the one way streets will likewise provide space for both bike lanes and parking.

The roundabout by Flume and the junction of 1st and 2nd Streets seems like a good solution to slow traffic and define driver (of bicyclists as well) territory. Pedestrians will have an easier time crossing over to the farmers market.

Adding more bike lanes north-south on Main and Broadway should be considered, but overall, the group felt this proposal would effectively increase cycling and safety in the downtown area.

Some concern was raised that some cyclists would violate the traffic law by riding the wrong way. The Butte Bicycle Coalition strongly supports increased traffic enforcement for all drivers of vehicles.

Thank you for working to make Chico a safe and healthy environment that we can all enjoy.

Karen Goodwin,
Butte Bicycle Coalition
18 Nicole Lane
Chico, CA 95926

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Karen Goodwin', is written over the typed name and address.

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Dear Fritz McKinley,

On behalf of the Center for Nutrition and Activity Promotion, we would like to express our support for the 2nd Street couplet redesign. We have an office at 252 1st Street and know this would alter the traffic flow significantly. The additional bike lanes, parking, and narrowing the streets all offer a more livable solution to the current downtown traffic congestion. While we can appreciate the community's potential apprehension about this change, it appears that it will enhance bike and pedestrian access to and within the area.

Bike lanes on both sides of 2nd Street from Broadway to Walnut will provide more feeling of security and encourage students commuting to CSU Chico to travel by bicycle.

The idea of colored bike lanes is an excellent option to alert both motorists and cyclist. Keeping the diagonal parking on one side and the bike lane on the other also serves to prevent traffic accidents.

Please keep CNAP posted on the progress of this proposal and we look forward to a healthy, vibrant downtown.

Sincerely,

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Kelley Dwy *[Signature]* *Susan Van Horn*
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Center for Nutrition and Activity Promotion
CSU Chico, Chico, CA 95929



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ATTN: Fritz McKinley
P.O. Box 3420
Chico, California 95927

February 16, 2010

Dear Mr. McKinley,

Last week, Pastor Steve Schibsted and I met with the civil engineer team to discuss the 1st and 2nd Street Couplet Project, focusing on the changes that would impact 1st Street between Broadway and Salem. This is the block where Bidwell Presbyterian Church is located.

As we discussed the project, we believe the engineer's ideas will make the street safer and more attractive. We appreciate that the design ideas will take the church's architecture into consideration as the plans for the street changes are developed.

We are in support of the project and will continue to be involved in discussions about the design of the 1st Street "drop off" at the University. We would like to encourage the idea of having a drop-off zone so that stopped cars will not create a traffic bottle-neck on 1st Street. We understand that the drop-off is part of the current design idea, however as the design hasn't been completed yet, we want to make sure the drop-off zone is included in the final design.

Sincerely,

Lisa C. Stone
Business Administrator,
Bidwell Presbyterian Church



February 11, 2010

Fritz McKinley
City of Chico
Building & Development Services Director
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SUBJECT: 2nd Street Bike Lane

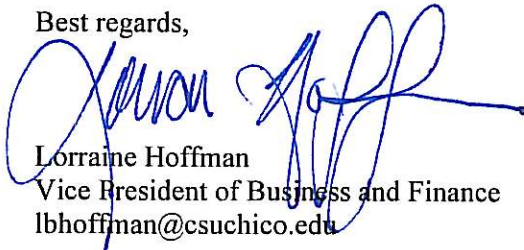
Dear Mr. McKinley:

I appreciate the work that your department is doing to improve cyclist safety and beautification to the 2nd Street corridor between Salem Street and the railroad tracks. The University is eager to see these improvements, especially new bike lanes, implemented along 2nd Street. Currently, cycling is not a serious round-trip transit option for our campus community and residents, since we have a severe lack of East-West connectors, and many gaps in the North-South routes as well.

I am writing to share our strong support for the bike lanes along 2nd Street. We urge you to approve the proposed bike lane and break ground on development, as soon as possible. The University will continue to work with you and we are willing to pay our "fair share" of these improvements. Improvement to our bike lanes in the City is essential to create a sensible, feasible local bicycle network.

Additionally, the University is looking forward to continuing to work with your office on the improvements along Salem Street between 1st and 2nd Streets.

Best regards,



Lorraine Hoffman
Vice President of Business and Finance
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Dear Mr. McKinley,

On January 25th I attended the Butte Bicycle Coalition meeting and the presentation given by Wyatt West regarding the proposed realignment of 1st and 2nd Streets and the addition of two roundabouts in downtown Chico. After having the opportunity to study the project, view the photos with the changes superimposed, and to question Mr. West about some of the details, I am convinced that these changes will be a big improvement compared to the current situation downtown.

The Butte Bicycle Coalition is especially interested in making bicycle commuting in Chico safer and more efficient. I believe that this project will help to forward both of those objectives. I commute by bicycle to Rosedale School from my home near P.V. High, so I'm very familiar with the challenges of crossing the downtown/campus area from east to west. I've also seen how efficiently traffic is now moving along Manzanita Avenue in the area near Bidwell Park since the roundabouts were added.

I'm a strong advocate of the Complete Streets concept that encourages equal access to pedestrians, cyclists, and cars. I've seen first hand how this type of development has improved the livability of other cities similar to Chico, and I am enthusiastic that we are beginning to make similar improvements to our city.

Thank you for your work on this project.

Sincerely,



Peter Hollingsworth
Board of Directors
Butte Bicycle Coalition



February 7, 2010

Fritz McKinley
Building & Development Services Director
PO Box 3420
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Dear Fritz:

Thank you for taking the time to visit with the CEPCO Job Creation Committee to lead us on a discussion about the City of Chico's investment in public facilities including road improvements.

On behalf of CEPCO, we would like to express our support to the 1st / 2nd Street couplet project. As an organization committed to the orderly growth of Chico, we are very excited about the positive changes this project will provide.

We will endeavor to provide representation at the meeting on Tuesday February 16th. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

We are looking forward to the development of this project.

Sincerely,

Bob Linscheid
President/CEO



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February 12, 2010

Fritz McKinley
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Re: Proposed First and Second Street Couplet Project

Dear Fritz:

On behalf of the Chico Certified Farmers' Market, we would like to extend support for the proposed First and Second Street Couplet project. We are excited about the improved safety, parking and bicycling elements that are proposed within the plan as they apply to the area around the Saturday Chico Certified Farmers' Market. We look forward to providing input and working with the City during the design and construction process to make this a project beneficial to everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Terry Givens
Executive Director
Chico Certified Farmers' Markets

February 12, 2010

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City of Chico
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Chico, Ca. 95927

Re: Proposed First and Second Street Couplet Project

Dear Fritz,

On behalf of the Chico Certified Farmers Market, we would like to extend support for the proposed First and Second Street Couplet project. We are excited about the improved safety, parking, and circulation elements that are proposed within the plan. We look forward to providing input and working with the City during the design process to make this a project beneficial to everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Terry Givens
Chico Certified Farmers Market Manager



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February 18, 2010

Honorable Ann Schwab, Mayor
City of Chico
411 Main Street
Chico, CA 95928

Dear Mayor Schwab:

This letter addresses Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.'s position on the proposed 1st Street/2nd Street Couplet project to enhance bicycle and pedestrian modes of travel within the downtown core.

It is widely known that Sierra Nevada is passionate about cycling, and has been an avid supporter of the sport since the company's inception. However, the project proposed would curtail the ability of our and other commercial delivery vehicles to negotiate the loading and unloading of product, thereby interfering with company operations.

We appreciate the consideration the Council is taking to address this issue as it studies the ramifications involved with adding bike lanes in downtown Chico.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Grossman
General Manager, Chico

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Date: February 16, 2010
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: City of Chico, Conference Room 1, 421 Main Street, Chico, CA
Project: 1st & 2nd Street Couplet Project
Meeting: Workshop

Name (Please Print): Bruce Balscoyen

Mailing Address: 2314 1/2 Estes Rd.

Phone Number: 530 892 1904

Email Address: balscoyen@gmail.com

Resident, Business, Organization, etc: sell at Farmers Mkt.

Comments: My comment is my own & does not necessarily represent the CCFM.

1. The increased bicycle traffic cycle,
2. Roundabout I think is an improvement. Once people get used to it (at 1st, 2nd & Farmer) short term - perhaps we expect an accident on 2nd.
3. Coming into town, turning onto 1st, people will not see the Farmers Mkt. As mitigation, a permanent sign, perhaps @ 2nd & wall would help.

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Name (Please Print): BOB KROMER

Mailing Address: CHICO

Phone Number: 592-9669

Email Address: BOBKRO99@GMAIL

Resident, Business, Organization, etc: _____

Comments: _____

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A tough left turn off 2nd onto
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Date: March 07, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Bidwell Presbyterian Church
Project: 1st & 2nd Street Couplet Project
Meeting: Open Discussion and Informational Q&A

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Resident, Business, Organization, etc: BMPC MEMBER

Comments: _____

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