

## **RESOLUTION TO URGE SUPPORT FOR KEY FIRST & ASHLEY AND WILLIAM STREET TRANSPORTATION CONCEPTS**

Whereas, The DDA's Development Plan highlights identity, infrastructure, and transportation as overarching strategy areas, which include improving safety and economic vitality through pedestrian improvements;

Whereas, Through resolutions in January and June 2017, the DDA Board prioritized First, Ashley, and William Street improvements and in November 2017 approved its project budget and selected consultants for the project;

Whereas, Extensive community outreach and a detailed analysis of the corridors indicates problems with speeding and crashes that are symptoms of multi-lane and one-way streets, with disproportionate injuries to vulnerable users;

Whereas, Recommended transportation concepts include:

- Restoration of two-way traffic on First & Ashley Streets
- A two-way protected bike lane on the east side of First Street
- A two-way protected bike lane on the north side of William Street

Whereas, These concepts have been shown to eliminate the "double threat" to pedestrians and reduce vehicle speeds, and crash severity for all roadway users, with increased benefit to vulnerable users;

Whereas, City Council must approve rules or regulations concerning 1-way streets, per Chapter 126, Article 1 Section 10:2 and the DDA needs to ensure support for these concepts prior to beginning detailed design, which is why this matter is being considered at this time;

Whereas, The DDA Capital Improvements Committee recommends that these transportation elements be supported;

RESOLVED, The DDA Board supports these transportation recommendations for First, Ashley, and William Streets;

RESOLVED, The DDA Board urges the City Transportation Commission to support restoration of two-way traffic on First and Ashley Streets and two-way protected bike lanes on First and William Streets;

RESOLVED, The DDA Board urges City Council to support restoration of two-way traffic on First and Ashley Streets;

RESOLVED, DDA staff will continue to meet with the community, city staff, and key stakeholders to assemble a detailed design with these elements included.

**A vote on the resolution showed:**

**Ayes: Klopf, Lazarus, Letaw, Lowenstein, McFarland, Mouat, Narayan, Orr, Splitt, Weiss**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Guenzel, McKinnon**

**The resolution was approved.**

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