Text of April 28 email from City Manager re: B and F Street Speeds

John –

 Thank you for bringing your neighborhood’s concerns to the City’s attention and reinvigorating the past conversations.  I have discussed the concerns with staff in the Police Department and PW – Engineering & Transportation to gather information about traffic on both B and F Streets adjacent to Old North Davis.  The information staff have indicate that collision data over the past number of years between 5th and 8th Streets does not suggest speed is a cause of any  collisions, but that improper right of way observance was the typical cause.  A speed survey for compliance with posted speed limits on B Street was completed last year and it shows that the average speed has gone up by 1mph over the past 17 years (from 28 to 29mph).  A speed survey was not performed on F Street near OND last year due to the repaving construction underway, but one will be performed this spring and we’ll see what that indicates there.

 While staff have taken note of the issues you raised and will review them and provide formal responses in the coming months, you should know that City staff have been in communication with DJUSD staff about the possibility of installing some pedestrian safety related improvements on B Street near King HS with some of the District’s construction bond funds.  City staff have suggested enhanced crosswalk markings and an RRFB to provide opportunity for safer pedestrian crossings of B Street and are waiting to hear back from DJUSD if that is something they will support.

 I appreciate your awareness of the myriad of traffic safety issues that are brought to the City’s attention and our need to consider and pursue potential actions in a rational and equitable way.  Please know that staff are pursuing data on F Street and will be in touch with OND when they have had the time to thoroughly review and evaluate the issues with the understanding that they have other requests already in progress they need to finish up with.  Staff tell me it will likely be late spring to early summer before they will be able to respond formally, though if DJUSD funds the B Street crosswalk work, we will certainly communicate that as soon as we get  that commitment.

We will be sure to stay in touch on these important issues.

Best,

Mike