

8-28-2024 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # A.3 Public Comment									
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City Council Comment received from Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins

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Tue 8/27/2024 2:24 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-08-28.

Section:

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

Item:

A.3.

Position:

No position stated - Concerned or Neutral

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

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In the last week we've seen two people killed on our city streets, a pedestrian crossing, in the crosswalk on Kings Row, and cyclist in a marked bike lane on Rock Blvd. When is the city going to say enough is enough and address our incredibly dangerous roads? We know how to make our roads safer, countries like The Netherlands, France, and Spain have been showing the world how to do it for decades now. All we have to do is decide to actually implement the changes that we know work. We don't have to reinvent the wheel, the hard part has been done for us. Every time there is discussion about improving the safety of our city's streets, there are invariably public commenters (and even council members) that will say, "we can't do that here, Reno isn't Amsterdam." Well, until the late 70s, Amsterdam much more closely resembled Reno than it resembles what it is now, they changed because people became outraged over the death of a child on a bike. We don't have to wait to be outraged over the death of a child, we can be outraged by the people who have already been killed by our unsafe street designs and do something before a child dies.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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Tue 8/27/2024 9:02 AM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Cc:Tyler Shaw <ShawT@reno.gov>

Good morning,

We received this email at Reno Direct, which appears best suited for public comment. Please see below.

Additionally, this request has also been forwarded to Traffic Engineering for evaluation.

On Monday 26, August 07:08:35 PM PDT, 'jack hawkins <jack@hawkinsarchitecture.com>' wrote:

Dear Reno Direct,

Reno Direct is a great service for the City of Reno. I can't imagine what our City would look like or function without this valuable service and the support agencies that fix and respond to the problems at hand.

I tried to send this via the city services and logged in, but there is no way to just send an email.

I have noticed some problems that are occurring every day in our City and I believe they are serious enough to attempt to fix. I will outline the issues and suggest some solutions but that will be up to the City Council and the City Agencies.

Problem 1:

On Street Parking at Intersections

- In older neighborhoods like the Wells Avenue Island area there is a problem with on street parking. The parking is needed in these older neighborhoods, but it creates a dangerous situation where there is a minor neighborhood street transitioning into an arterial street such as Sinclair or Holcomb Avenue. The problem is the size of large trucks, vans, and even motorhomes parked at the intersection on the arterial street. It creates a vision blockage and cars turning from a neighborhood street onto a busier arterial road can't see without pulling out into the oncoming traffic. There is an easy solution for this. The City could red stripe those dangerous intersections but that creates a parking issue. A better solution might be to allow only compact cars on the

corners for two spaces back. Planning and engineering have vision triangles but they don't take into account the giant vehicles that park right on the corners on the arterial streets.

Problem 2:

Large Semi-trailer Trucks

- I have notice a trend over the last few years. Traditionally large semi-trailer trucks transported goods from production to a City and then off loaded their goods. Smaller delivery vans or trucks would then distribute the goods to local businesses. I have noticed a change in this traditional way of delivering goods. I now see large semi-trailer trucks driving on non-arterial streets and delivering goods right from the semi. The large semi-trailer trucks park illegally in most cases and somehow manage to get their products into the smaller local businesses. Examples: The 7-11 on Mt Rose street gets deliveries this way. The semi will stick the cab in the middle of the street and vehicles most go around the cab into the on-coming traffic. I see transport trucks parking in Holcomb Lane in the middle turn lane. They will park there for several hours while they unload cars to go to dealerships. I have seen large semi-trailer trucks parked illegally (going the wrong direction on the wrong side of the street on St. Lawrence Street unloading goods to Perenn Bakery. The best example was a semi parked on the roundabout at the south end of Wells Avenue. I don't have any good solutions for this but these large semi-trailer trucks seem to have immunity to parking illegally. To me the responsibility is on the companies that are profiting from delivering goods to the small businesses. It is not the fault of the small businesses and they shouldn't be penalized. There should not be semi-trailer trucks delivering goods in our City. This type of delivery has always been with smaller "box" delivery vehicles. I have several examples of this in photos.

Problem 3:

Kietzke Lane:

- Kietzke Lane is the ugliest section of road in the City – especially from Plumb Lane headed north. This is a major arterial road. There are ugly residential areas on both sides of this road north of Plumb Lane. There needs to be a sound wall or 6' plus tall hedges for visual screening. If there is only a sound wall it will be tagged and become an even greater eye sore. Also, concrete or CMU sound walls are very expensive. Ideally a 6' plus hedge to screen out the ugly homes from the road and provide the residents with a buffer from the heavy traffic. Also a boulevard of London

Plane trees would be ideal. Think Longley Lane - it is one of the nicest arterial roads in town. 40 years ago someone had the vision of planting those trees on Longley Lane. Also, RTC just finished Oddie Blvd in Sparks. This would be a similar Arterial Street. There is also illegal parking in the dirt strip between the homes and the Kietzke Lane curb on the west side of the street every day now. NV Energy should be part of the fix and bury the ugly power poles too. It is not 1950 anymore. This needs to be a priority for the City and RTC.

Problem 4:

Convenience Store Trash

My home is a block away from a 7-11 convenience store and my office is next door to a Winner's Corner convenience store. These facilities generate a lot of trash in the neighborhoods. It is actually the customers. This is a tough situation to police and it is a cultural deterioration. However, if some basic practices changed I think it could help. The convenience stores could be targeted with fines if they don't clean up the trash around their properties and adjoining properties. Also, by law I think convenience stores need to bag any liquor sales. This law probably goes back to the 50s and is not really applicable now. There are Dispensaries on Virginia Street. This is the problem: a bottle of liquor is purchased. The customer goes outside the door and immediately takes out the bottle and throws the plastic bag on the ground. The plastic bags that were once paper end up in the storm sewers, Truckee River, and in our trees and streets. It is just so stupid and unnecessary garbage. Could this archaic law be revised?

If you have any further questions I can be reached at 775-848-8308. I am copying City Council Member Naomi Duerr and City Planning Commissioner Kerry Rohrmeier.

Sincerely,

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