

From: [Nicholas Smith](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Comments on UDC 2016-26
Date: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 2:08:01 PM

Hello Ms. Onufer,

Could you please pass the following comments to the UDC. Thank you.

I'd like to thank the city for proposing streetscape improvements on Patterson and Grove. These will help make the neighborhood more inviting and pleasant to be in for everyone, which will help businesses, raise property values and increase safety.

I would like to encourage the UDC to recommend approval with all staff comments. Staff has made careful and considered recommendations that will further improve the plan and neighborhood. In particular, given that the intent is to enhance this area as a walkable local business district, the plans should provide for a complete street that safely and comfortably accommodates all users.

Plans should discourage high-speed car through traffic and reclaim some of the four travel lanes (and two parking lanes) on each street for people walking and biking in the district, especially as sidewalks are sometimes narrow and Patterson and Grove are both designated in the Bicycle Master Plan as calling for buffered bike lanes, while Maple is designated as a Bike-Walk Street, things the staff report highlighted. Grove, in particular, has no more than 10,000 vehicles per day (VDOT 2015 AADT), and so could easily accommodate just one travel lane in each direction with only a slight decrease in Level of Service at peak hour -- it's worth remembering that a reduction in Level of Service here means "cars going more slowly through a pedestrian business district", so is actually desirable. Patterson, at no more than 15,000 AADT, would also be fine, with the worst case scenario being that some through car traffic may move to Broad or I-64, which is actually a good thing. Besides slowing car speeds, this reallocation of space will better reflect the use of the neighborhood.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this item.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Smith

From: [John Bolecek](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
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1. Re: Patterson / grove streetscaping. Thank you for keeping brick, if it must be used at all, out of the walk zone on the sidewalk.

2. East riverfront transportation:

I oppose the use of bricks on the sidewalks, please use concrete, the city cannot maintain the brick it has now and it is incredibly annoying to push a stroller over warped sidewalks.

Please also fix the Gillies Creek alignment on the north end. It should flow smoothly into the crosswalk not end abruptly onto the sidewalk. No extra right of way is needed for this as it is city owned land.

Thank you,

John Bolecek
5th District