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MMC D Street sidewalk construction

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Hi Nell,

I've taken a look at this and have just a couple observations.

1) We'd prefer lanes wider than 11' during construction, but we can deal with it. I can't guarantee the cones will survive, not just from us but any large commercial vehicle. There are signs and telephone poles near the side of the street and trees that hang into the street. Given the choice of hitting the tree branches or cones, CDL drivers will take the cones every time.

2) Though this may just be how it appears on the site plan, the proposed concrete island on Valley Street appears to encroach on the curb cut for D Street. Doing so will create a difficult left turn from D onto Valley Street, especially for commercial vehicles. The existing island sits about 45' back from the intersection to aid in commercial vehicle movement, coming into and out of D Street. I'm don't believe a fire truck can make that turn.

Thanks,
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