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Update on Road Projects by Davis City Councilmember Lucas Frerichs



I admit it. For me (and I imagine for many of you), there aren't many irritants in life that are more frustrating than delays caused by road construction.

Well, as you're likely aware by now, a variety of Davis roads are under construction. Major projects are underway along Mace Blvd. in South Davis, L Street (between Covell and 5th Street) and along the Covell overpass (near F Street). While there have been some construction delays to each of the projects, primarily due to PG&E utility work being reassigned during the November wildfires, and months of rainy winter weather, each of the projects are either finished or nearly complete.

Now for the good news! Each of these projects is a needed investment in our community infrastructure- and each project

brings with it tangible benefits, as well.

The L Street improvement project is really a twofer: It is intended to rehabilitate street conditions (including a total repaving from Covell to 5th Street) as well as installing pedestrian curb cuts, improved bicycle access, safety and comfort throughout the corridor, and it also replaced the aging water and sewer mains and lateral pipes!

Along the Covell Blvd. overpass, we're creating a new multi-use path under Covell Blvd. from southwest of the Cannery neighborhood to the Little League fields south of Covell Blvd. The new underpass path is nearing completion.

At the same time, the city has been reconstructing the multi-use path that runs alongside the Covell overpass over the railroad tracks to bring the path into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA requires a sustained 5-percent maximum grade but the Covell path grade was between 6 and 8 percent, so it needed to be reconstructed.

When completed, this combined infrastructure improvement will connect the Cannery neighborhood into the city's bike path, greenbelt and park system.

Which brings us to Mace Blvd. This is a project that repaved the entire stretch of Mace from Cowell to near Montgomery Ave. It also included a variety of bike and pedestrian improvements, including protected bike lanes, and some reduction in vehicle lanes. As you've likely heard, additional adjustments are needed to address some outstanding safety issues, including a three-way stop at San Marino and Mace, adjustments in the turning radii at the intersections, and some possible restoration of vehicle lanes.

Your Davis City Council is committed to fixing our community's roads, bike paths, sidewalks and other aging infrastructure, which is why each successive project helps us make measurable progress to achieving one of our most important council goals: To Fund, Maintain, and Improve Infrastructure.

The City Council has also initiated a major effort to do several more needed improvements: Re-stripe bike lane paint that has worn off roads throughout the city. Also, the city will also soon begin a process called "slurry seal" which refreshes and extends residential streets for at least a decade before the street needs to be fully repaved. Stay tuned for these improvements and more!

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Sun., June 23, 11:00-2:00 pm. The Annual Champagne Brunch, hosted by Bill Julian and Robin Kulakow at their home, **43556 Almond Lane**, features an ample buffet brunch served with beverages. (You are invited to share a favorite dish.) A **recently elected State Constitutional officer** (TBA) is tentatively scheduled as the keynote speaker for a program that includes presentations by our local elected officials. This is the DDC's principal annual fundraiser and the source of much political good. We, therefore, hope that you can join us for this important, fun event.

Tues., June 4, 7:00-9:00 pm. Monthly Board Meeting, Blanchard Room in the Davis Library The Board conducts routine business and plans future events. All members are invited.

Thurs., July 4th, 4:00-8:00 pm. DDC Table/July 4th Celebration. The Club will host a community outreach table and distribute voter information at Community Park during the annual July 4th celebration. Volunteer to help out by taking a one or two-hour shift. Contact Carl, <cwschmid@comcast.net>.

EDITORIAL: *Thinking Ahead to 2020*

Typically, most voters become politically interested during September of Presidential Election years fully expecting that everything will be up and running to launch an effective campaign. Their naiveté ignores the essential long range planning and behind the scenes work done by dedicated volunteers that precedes the campaign. On behalf of the Club and, as reported below, **Bob Bockwinkel recently initiated and organized a strategic planning workshop to guide the Club in its 2020 campaign.** When you next see Bob, please take the opportunity to thank him for his leadership. Also remember that Bob's effective planning critically depends upon resources provided by the Club, valuable resources, that you generously contributed.

REPORT ON THE DAVIS DEMOCRATIC CLUB STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

By Bob & Marie Bockwinkel



On Saturday, April 27, 2019, thirteen persons from the DDC, Health Care for All, College Young Democrats, the Verbs, the County Committee and others attended a strategic planning workshop at the West Sacramento office of four waters media. Four waters was the facilitator for the three-hour session. The session included a power point presentation of the four elements of a strategic planning process and brainstorming of ideas for the DDC in light of the upcoming elections.

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The importance of volunteers and the necessity for a specific written plan with roles and responsibilities to be assigned to specific individuals and measurable, quantifiable and achievable benchmarks and goals and a specific timeline were discussed.

The brainstorming portion of the session included the following suggestions to be considered at the upcoming June Board meeting:

- 1) Strengthening the relationship and increasing the contributions to the College Young Dems and provide mentoring and training;
- 2) Hiring a part-time intern/volunteer office coordinator for the election cycle;
- 3) Planning more educational outreach events to increase membership and membership involvement; and
- 4) Planning to increase the fundraising goal for 2019 of \$20,000 to \$21,000.

Increasing fundraising capacity is possible and necessary. In the past, the DDC has held subject matter programs for public education and outreach, such as the nuclear weapons teach-in, and we have an advantage in Davis because of the proximity to the State Capitol with residents who are staffers and having the University here. There is an ongoing structure for fundraising with regular events throughout the year. With the greater outreach effort through educational programs, we could increase our revenue.

The College Young Dems are a strong partner, and the DDC should strengthen the relationship by contributing more funds to facilitate the Young Dems' goals. The Young Dems provide a large number of activist volunteers who sometimes go to other election districts and even to other states providing boots on the ground for voter registration and electoral activities. The DDC needs the Young Dems to increase youth membership by which they can provide a conduit for youth outreach. The Young Dems could benefit from training, coordination and regular communication regarding campaign activities. They have a great track record with the number of volunteers and the specific goals they accomplish in knocking on doors. The DDC could provide ongoing mentoring and help with problem solving.

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